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STATE UNDERDOGS HAVE THEIR DAY

THE State League underdogs certainly had their day on Sunday with Ringwood City, battling hard for a place in the new Super League, inflicting on Croydon City its second defeat in a row and Springvale City snuffing out any lingering championship hopes St Albans might still have entertained.

Other games that didn't go to plan were the scoreless draw between Altona Gate and Caulfield City and the one at the Gully, where Green Gully struggled to a draw with lowly Box Hill.

Morwell Falcons and Brunswick Juventus shared the points in a thriller down in the Valley, which meant that the only club in the top half of the table to win was Northcote City.

Falcons' draw, in front of a large and enthusiastic crowd meant that it hurdled over Croydon City into second place, but to coach Bob McLachlan the point was less than he would have hoped for.

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It's Marconi v Olympic in Final

Sydney Olympic will oppose minor premier Marconi in the Grand Final on Sunday at Parramatta Stadium after downing St George by the only goal in a grim struggle before a crowd of 9000 at the St George Stadium.

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STATE LEAGUE RESULTS AT A GLANCE

- 'GATE 0 C'FIELD 0
- FALCONS 1 JUVE 1
- M'BYRNONG 0 BULLEEN 1
- FAWKNER 1 N'COTE 2
- GULLY 2 BOX HILL 2
- R'WOOD 2 CROYDON 1
- T'TOWN 3 PINES 3
- 'VALE 1 SAINTS 0

OLYMPIC WON'T FORFEIT THE CUP

SNIPPETS
by LES SHORROCK

THERE'S a red face or two in the Sport department of The Australian this week, as a result of a story the paper ran at the weekend saying that Sydney Olympic would refuse to play in the Cup-final against Adelaide City because it was to be played in Adelaide.

The story isn't true and newspapers all over the country have received an indignant fax from the club denying it.

What happened was that reliable Ray Gatt, The Australian's soccer writer was away last Friday, and the newspaper decided to run an agency story from AAP.

A young reporter from AAP spoke to the Olympic president George Pashalis who carried on at some length about how unfair it was that the game was to be played in Adelaide how the crowd would be bigger in Sydney, etc, etc, in other words, the usual Sydney club propaganda.

The young fellow hurried back to the office thinking he had already written to the NSL office saying it wouldn't be playing and he even added a mythical quote from NSL manager Peter Russell.

There was even a quote from Charlie Caruso, President of Adelaide City, thanking Sydney Olympic for forfeiting the Cup!

The ordure hit the fan on Monday, hence the indignant fax.

It's a good example of not letting the facts spoil a good story.

Now I'm waiting to see a retraction from The Australian.

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SUPERLEAGUE PLAN DOESN'T PLEASE ALL

The State League management committee might have opened a Pandora's Box with its plan to create two divisions of the State League for next year.

Apparently the plan is for the State League to consist of two 12-team divisions, and the elite one will consist of 10 selected clubs plus the two relegated clubs from the NSL, Melbourne JUST and Heidelberg United.

If the 10 were taken from the present State League, the remaining six would have to be augmented by the top six clubs from the Victorian League's First Division.

And a friendly mole tells me that probably the 10 clubs will be the top 10 in finishing order at the end of the State League season, plus the eleventh club if the champion club is foolish enough to win promotion to the NSL.

The only proviso would be that the selected clubs would have to meet the criteria regarding club facilities laid down in the plan.

After studying the criteria myself, I've come to the conclusion that at least three clubs in the top 10 don't fill the bill, whilst a couple of clubs in the bottom six do.

Whoever makes the choice, whether it be a single arbitrator or a committee, I don't envy them the task.

Anticipating a problem, one club went to the crucial State League meeting with the suggestion that all clubs interested in joining the Super League put up $1000 each, to pay for an independent assessor to be the arbitrator.

However his plan was ridiculed when he suggested that someone from the VFL should be called in.

The squeals of outrage won't be confined to the rejected State League clubs either.

The leading Victorian First Division clubs aren't too happy about the plan.

As Tom Bailey, president of the Moorool-bark club presently leading the First Division puts it: "I'm disgusted that the VSF has not had the courtesy to consult with the leading Victorian League clubs.

"We have spent this year fighting for promotion and building up our team for the State League next year and now, when we are almost there, without any warning whatsoever, we are being fobbed off with second-best.

"We have sponsors lined-up who were prepared to back the club next year in the expectation that clubs like Melbourne JUST and Heidelberg would be coming to play us here in Mooroolbark.

Bailey also suggests a different approach altogether.

He feels that clubs outside the Melbourne City area should be given a chance to take part.

"Why not extend an invitation to a Geelong club and ask the Ballarat and Bendigo Leagues also to form a club each.

Then divide all the clubs into two divisions, East and West, for one season and let the top six in each division at the end of the next season form the Superleague in 1991.

As the VSF League tables stand after last weekend, the State league clubs in danger of relegation are Thomastown, Ringwood City, Springvale City, Fawkner, Box Hill and Maribyrnong.

They are likely to be joined in the State League Second Division by Mooroolbark, Sandringham, Albion, Knox City, Oakleigh and Mordialloc. We are, as yet, in the dark as to the VSF's intentions regarding the clubs in the lower divisions.

Is it intended that they also are to be reduced to divisions of 12 clubs each, or will they remain with 14?

If the intention is to reduce all divisions to 12 clubs each, stand by for fireworks again at the AGM.

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JUVE NEEDS A HOME

Whether Brunswick Juventus wins promotion to the NSL or not the question of where it is going to play its home matches next year is proving a big headache for club President Dominic Tenuta.

Talks with Olympic Park Management recently ended up in the air, since some members of the club's committee are unhappy about such factors as traffic congestion in Swan Street if there are counter-attractions at the Entertainment Centre, the MCG and Cain's Cathedral.

If Juventus stays in Victoria (and most State league clubs will be fervently hoping it does), probably sharing Olympic Village with Heidelberg would be the best solution to its problems.

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COACHING MERRY-GO-ROUND GATHERS MOMENTUM

Anyone fancy his chance as a NSL coach?

If so, there are plenty of openings because, for the first time I can recall, all of last season's Melbourne NSL clubs will be seeking new coaches, with the news that the most successful, Ivan Reznjevic is probably going to return to the US.

Melbourne JUST's new coach will be its fifth in three seasons, and the club might have difficulty in luring another top coach from Yugoslavia after its treatment of Mirsad Fazlagic this year.

Dumping Fazlagic, coach of World Youth champion Yugoslavia, didn't harm his reputation, happily.

On his return he was once again appointed Yugoslav national Youth Coach for the 1991 World Cup.

And if you fancy your chances interstate, opportunity knocks there too.

Although Eddie Thomson, after playing hard to get for a couple of months, has signed again for Olympic, Wollongong needs a coach (preferably one who can stand Harry Michaels), and now there's a vacancy at APIA.

Michael Urukalo, who if you remember said he was going to win the Cup to strengthen his chances of keeping the job, has been dumped by APIA after only six months.

Finally, did you hear about that Melbourne-based rising young Socceroo who said last week that he would be very happy to re-sign, provided there was a change of coach?

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WORLD YOUTH CUP DISAPPOINTMENT

We are going to have longer to wait to see our next World Youth Cup here in Australia.

Our application to host the prestigious tournament in 1991 was knocked back in Zurich last month, the only good news being that we have been allotted the 1995 tournament.

Nigeria got the nod for 1991, ahead of Portugal which will host the 1993 tournament.

In view of the enormous influence the Third World countries have been able to wield since Joao Havelange took over as FIFA President, the decision was hardly a surprise, after all, compared with Nigeria, all we have to offer is an equable climate, good stadia, a terrorist-free atmosphere and stable government.

There won't be any lack of entertainment in Nigeria, though, public executions of people sentenced without trial take place regularly, Amnesty International informs us.

Nigeria is ill-equipped to host any sort of international tournament, and the FIFA committee that made this bizarre choice did say that if Nigeria's ramshackle stadia were not brought up to scratch in time, it would forfeit the tournament in favor of Portugal, with Australia then brought forward to 1993.

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VALE JOCK STEPHEN

It is with very real and deep regret that we have to report the passing of Jock Stephen.

Jock Stephen died of cancer early last week in St Vincents Hospital at the age of 83.

His passing severs another link with Victorian soccer's early history, for he was a close friend of the "Father" of the game here, the late Harry Dockerty whose name lives on in the shape of our most prestigious trophy, the Dockerty Cup.

Scottish-born Jock, was associated for over 40 years with the now defunct Park Rangers club, first as secretary and then as president and it was a bitter blow to him when the club moved from Middle Park to Kew and then folded.

He was well-known in journalistic circles too, writing a soccer column for the Toorak Times and other newspapers for more than 17 years.

Near the end, his eyesight faded until he was legally blind, but he still insisted on attending games just to savour the atmosphere.

Childless, he is survived by his widow Veronica to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

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YOUTH LEAGUE A JOKE

Just one of the knotty problems that have to be resolved as a result of the NSL's switch to a summer season is the overhaul of the Youth League.

Whether the season was changed or not, the Youth League this year degenerated into a farce.

It wasn't so much the fact that teams were so ill-matched (if you remember one team won 20-0 recently) but that the NYL ladder was never correct from one week to the next, apparently because the VSF kept receiving different information about results.

We receive more complaining 'phone calls at this newspaper about inaccuracies in the NYL ladder than about all the rest of the Leagues put together.

Now it seems the NSL has washed its hands of the competition and apparently there is not going to be a Grand Final between the North and South, and if that is the case, it will be a bitter disappointment to those boys who've looked

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THE SILLY SEASON

NELSON'S COLUMN

I'VE been having a good chortle or three following the daily newspaper reports on who will be coaching the Melbourne NSL clubs next year, haven't you?

I'm getting ahead of myself, however, as I imagine some of last year's gurus were surprised to find that they had "mutually agreed" with their clubs that it was time to part company.

Especially the coach who found the time to phone from Disneyland and announce that this revelation had struck him as he passed "The Matterhorn".

On second thoughts, maybe meeting Mickey Mouse reminded him of someone.

Now, haven't some of the candidates for these four jobs been surprising/weird.

I especially enjoy reading the articles on the coaches who will give the current young talent in the youth team, "a go".

This, of course, translates into every day language of "playing the committeemen's sons" — "trust me on this" as Donald E. Westlake once said.

Just once I'd like to see one of these clubs have the courage of their convictions and do it for a full season and then reappoint that coach . . . who had led them straight back to the State League.

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SO, by all accounts, there will be some fair players available for next season's State League or Premier State League (mind boggling isn't it?) competitions.

No doubt the clubs parting company with these players will let them go for a "song".

I've got to treat the rumour that Sean Parton may be surplus to George Cross's needs with a fair degree of scepticism however, as 28-year-old crunchers of Sean's ability don't grow on trees.

Mind you, I happen to know his contract is up in November, and he has a $13,000 maximum.

I bumped into Sean at Emmaus College, Forest Hill, last week incidentally.

He's a physical education teacher there.

I would imagine he'll be one teacher the kids won't mess around with in case he gives them the "big welly".

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SPEAKING of good young players, isn't it interesting to see how the Institute of Sport lads who played the State League teams a couple of years ago, have progressed.

Jason Polak is now an Australian International soon to seek fame and fortune at Panathinaikos and John Koch and Alistair Edwards helped Sydney Olympic beat Melbourne Croatia last week.

They are not the only success stories however, as Hellas's David Healy, Craig Foster (Sydney Croatia), Paul Foster (Hellas) and John Gibson (Blacktown), are all now NSL regulars.

No wonder they didn't lose a game.

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JUVE, JUVE

I really enjoyed our home game v. Juventus last week and not just because they wear Victoria's best stripes.

There is just something impressive about those black and white stripes I always think.

Even Rene Mini-Minor looks big in them.

No, I always enjoy playing against good players and Juventus had plenty on show while beating us 2-0 (both goals being scored by Charlie Egan), especially Vladiko Belic, who always gives you trouble when he plays in midfield.

Mind you, you won't get any predictions from me as to who will win the League.

The best team will, they always do.

I just hope it all comes down to the postponed Croydon v Juventus game at the end of the season, as that would be quite a night.

By the way, Stevie Marley and Willie Herd didn't play against us due to injury, but I was sure I knew the other guy with them.

I realised later it was Cross's Paul Lewis. I didn't recognise him with his teeth in, you see.

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DR JEKYLL AND MR HYDE

This week Polonia make the journey to Wembley to play Box Hill, and I'm sure we'll run into their No.1 supporter again.

You know the one I mean.

He stands behind the goal Box Hill are kicking towards and works himself up into a fair old lather screaming "come on Hillmen" about 500 times a half, as he paces around like a caged tiger.

After the game, however, it's a different story altogehter as he turns into a nice and friendly barman whatever the score.

It always makes me laugh.

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"HEYSIE"

Speaking of laughs, I called into Knox City after training last week for a couple.

Present were Davie Brogan, Billy Brindle, Charlie Kelly, club stalwart Nigel Fedor and Graham Heyes.

"Heysie" was regaling us with tales of his playing days in England with Altrincham Town when he came out with this classic — "There was an almighty Blue v Boston one day."

For this onnerism Graham, please accept the "Dink of the Week" award wich I have stolen from Joe Doc.

● *Sean Parton . . . a first-class cruncher.*

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WHILE on the subject of awards, I'd like to present Sean Lane with the "Ugly Shirt of the Week" award outright.

In fact the City of Paisley is going to give Sean the city keys for that wild purple pattern he had on last week.

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FINALLY this week, if you're in the vicinity of the Showgrounds on one of these cold winter days and you could use a cup of coffee — pop up to the 7 Eleven Store on the corner of Epson and Maribyrnong Roads and see Slavko Mikulic or Slavko Brekalo.

They're both big Croatia supporters and always enjoy a chat about soccer.

Bye bye
— RAB

● *"Heysie" . . . made a bit of a blue in one of his tales.*

Wadey says . . . . . .

By PAUL WADE

WELL we're on the even of the grand final of the NSL top five competition for 1989 and once again Melbourne has missed out on the honours.

For so long this season we had Melbourne Croatia and Preston Makedonia giving the Sydney boys something to think about.

And all through the season we had the feeling that South Melbourne was capable of finishing in one of the top three places.

On their day, Croatia, Preston and South all demonstrated that they had the skill, aggression and know how to win the title, but they lacked that vital ingredient, consistency, that separates the average from the good.

South's season started off so well, when it retained its Buffalo Cup with a sparkling display against Preston in the final.

That's one for the sideboard, we thought, now for the championship.

Then with the start of the season coinciding with the Cup, the two matches a week started to take their toll.

The legs that carried them to the top of the NSL in 1988 started to tire and winning didn't come as frequently.

Steve Tassios whom I thought was the driving force behind South last season was trying hard to recover from a bout of glandular fever and Paul Trimboli was a marked man after such a superb 1988.

Kim Taliadoros took a lot of the pressure and glory in the early stages with some superb displays of sheer strength.

Centre halves knew they were in a game and while he didn't notch many goals himself, his presence alone was worth it.

Hellas fans started to disappear in frustration as they watched their teams soar one week, only to crash the next.

Places in the team became vacant asBrian Garvey tried to scare players into some sort of form by dropping them, but no response was forthcoming.

At one stage, the Blues were in danger of relegation, but with characters of the calibre of Steve Blair, etc, it wasn't long before the fans breathed a little more easily.

So easy, that they started to cheer again as a top five position seemed there for the taking.

But as happened so often throughout the year, their goal was just out of reach.

"Consistently inconsistent" is the only way I can describe the South Melbourne season.

Preston on the other hand had their most consistent season in years.

With the most formidable strike force in Australia they looked ready to take all before them.

John Markovski and Warren Spink were consistently on the score sheet.

But that might have been Preston's problem as

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NSL DETAILS

SAAD GIVES FANS A BIG THRILL

● *Abbas Saad . . . "this time I had to go and thank the supporters".*

STRIKER Abbas Saad goaled a smashing half-volley for his supporters on Sunday which qualified Sydney Olympic for its third National Soccer League grand final.

The 75th-minute goal ended the scoreless deadlock in the final and the 1-0 victory over St George Gives Olympic a chance to become the first team to win the League and Cup double.

It also earned a bonus of $500 for each member of the winning side with a further $500 if they beat Marconi in the grand final at Parramatta Stadium this Sunday and a seven-day holiday to Hawaii if they beat Adelaide City in the National Cup final on Sunday week.

"When the pass came from Jason Polak, I trapped the bouncing ball on my thigh, turned and slammed the volley 15m into the right corner of the net," said Saad, who has now posted 11 goals this season.

"I don't normally run to the crowd but this time I had to go and thank the supporters because it was a special goal for them and my most important."

Saad had been earlier denied a penalty by referee Richard Lerenc when brought down by St George defender David Green in the 51st minute.

Sydney Olympic won the Cup twice under Manfred Schaefer but lost it s two appearances in the NSL grand final to South Melbourne and Adelaide City in 1984 and 1986.

Last Sunday's win was a victory for the youth policy of Olympic coach Eddie Thomson who has maintained his trust in former young internationals Saad, Polak, Alistair Edwards, John Koch and Andrew Bernal.

It was also a winning battle over illness and tiredness.

Polak lost 5 kg during the week from a virus and the team on Saturday completed its only full training session with Polak, Dave Barrett and Steve Georgakis having their first runs.

"We played terrible in the first half and with the wind behind us, kicked the ball anywhere but Saad's goal was good enough to win any game," Thomson said.

"However I wish the grand final was a week later because we need a week off. As well as carrying injuries we're a tired team.

St George, playing two centre backs, again launched into attack from the start but the first 20 minutes produced scrappy play as both teams tried to win the midfield.

Saints striker Scott Ollerenshaw had a 21st minute chance but his shot was deflected by the boot of Georgakis.

In the 34th minute, a header by Matt Bingley hit the cross bar and the rebound shot by Tony Krslovic was blocked away on the line by Barrett.

Olympic responded one minute later when mid-fielder Robbie Ironside hit the upright and George Haniotis miskicked with the goal untended.

St George was proving quicker and more dangerous on the break with a listless Olympic missing the normal drive provided by Polak.

the 17-year-old Bingley lost two scoring opportunities when he flipped the ball over keeper Gary Meier's head in the 54th minute but it beat him to the line and in the 68th he ran 40m after shaking off the midfield defence but was robbed with two teammates in support.

Olympic also had a chance to wrap up the game with eight minutes remaining when Edwards drew Saints' keeper Mike Gibson well out, ran into the open space with Saad free but his pass was picked up by the diving Gibson.

"I always expected to finish in the top five and when we came third I thought we were good enough to reach the grand finals," St George coach Frank Arok said.

"But we missed our chances. The main fact is we didn't score in the major semi-final or final and conceded two goals of high quality."

It was a double celebration for Sydney Olympic because its NSL Youth team won the Preliminary final 3-2 on penalties against Sydney Croatia after the score was tied 1-1 at the end of extra time.

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PRELIMINARY FINAL

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Saad 75th) ST GEORGE 0 At St. George Stadium, Sunday. Crowd 9000. Referee R. Lorenc. Cautions Krslovic, Pottier (St.G) Bernal (SO).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier - Barrett, Hooker, Haniotis, Georgakis - Koch, Edwards, Polak, Lee - Saad (Bernal 83rd), Ironside. Coach Eddie Thomson.

ST GEORGE: Gibson - Green, Koczka, Ratcliffe, Grbevski - Harper, Krslovic (Ilic 75th), Moffitt, Pottier - Bingley, Ollerenshaw. Coach Frank Arok.

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● *Scott Ollerenshaw*

WADEY SAYS ..... Contd. from page 3

goals were not coming from other sources.

while they were on top however, they were very good.

"Jonesy" Markovski did his usual with flashes of world class brilliance. Spink earned my vote for the hardest man to mark, consistently running his markers ragged.

George Jolevski and Robert Runje were two players who should be first on the team sheet, with consistency not matched by anyone else.

But as with every team, the slump came and with it came the danger of falling out of the top five.

The spell only lasted for a game or two however, and then it was business as usual.

Preston's wins were not all that convincing and at times they did well to hold on to the points.

Their weaknesses were found out in the finals when Melbourne Croatia found loophole after loophole in the Preston midfield, and all the pressure on goal at their end of the ground, found the back four unable to handle it.

So with the most patient fans in the country still waiting for something to call their own, it is back to the drawing board for committee and players alike.

that's one thing Melbourne Croatia shouldn't have to do too much in the off season.

Melbourne's most glamorous and entertaining team set the standard by which the rest were judged.

Win or lose, you always walked away feeling that you had got your money's worth.

They saved their most devastating performance until second last, when they tore Melbourne rival Preston Makedonia to pieces.

That preliminary final, although standing out from all the rest for this season, was typical of their approach to every game.

They were out to entertain and nine times out of ten they did, with a beautiful blend of youth and experience, and of skill and aggression. They attacked from both left and right, often with a strike on goal.

And in Francis Awaritefe, they had probably the most entertaining player in the league.

Whenever he gets the ball, the crowd comes to life.

Zeljko Adzic showed us tricks you'd only expect to see in South America whilst Branko Milosevic and Alan Davidson showed us that it is possible to be both skilful and aggressive at the same time.

Their supporters have had faith enough to provide them with facilities equal to Middle Park, and with a bit more luck might have had the chance to put the Top Five trophy on the mantelpiece.

But as with our other Melbourne contenders, it came to an abrupt end two weeks ago.

Maybe lacking the killer instinct, maybe the pressure of knockout football, I don't know what it is, but we just can't crack the big ones.

Let's hope the next season will bring us a change of fortune, if only for our long suffering fans' sake.

Globe Trotters

THE world is our soccer youths' oyster these days, it would appear.

No sooner had our "Joeys", the National U/16, team finished competing in the World Cup in Scotland, than another youth team, the Melbourne U/17 select, was off to play in Aberdeen in Scotland and Aberystwyth in Wales, via Dallas in Texas.

the U/17s did all right too.

Managed by Bill Marshall and coached by Eric Morgan, they reached the final of the Aberdeen Tournament, beating on the way England and the USA,and drawing with Sweden.

They lost the final 2-0 to Sweden, but, undeterred travelled on to Wales. There they won the final of the Ian Rush Tournament, with a resounding 4-1 win over Canada.

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AND another team, this time representing the City of Melbourne is soon off to Japan to compete in the Sister Cities Tournament in Yokohama.

Besides Yokohama, other cities taking part are San Diego (US), Bombay (India), Vancouver (Canada), Odessa (USSR), Constanza (Romania) and Shanghai (China).

The tournament starts on Wednesday, August 16, and the final will be played Wednesday, August 23.

The boys, selected by Manager Norman Wood and coach Alan Alexander from VSF Junior ranks, will be billetted with Hapanese families in Yokohama.

The team will be in good hands, their tour leader will be VSF Executive Director George Wallace, assisted by Director of Coaching Tim White.

TOP: Ian Rush Tournament winners:

- *Back row: Eric Morgan (coach), J. Bryant, B. Kendall-Jones, H. Karatzis, L. Cunningham, F. Didio, M. Graham, J. Spokes, Bill Marshall (manager).*
- *Front row: L. Armstrong, D. Morgan, D. Strunz, S. Gibson, P. Tagakis, J. Chester, N. Rogers.*

BOTTOM: Melbourne select for Japan

- *Back row: Tim White (VSF Director of Coaching), Dragi Nastevski, Evan Carey, Anthony Boschini, Ton Raykovski, Stuart Hackney, Claudio Stelco, David Craig, Andy Vargas, Con Blatsis.*
- *Middle row: Norman Wood (Manager), Pat Siclari, Phillip Stavrakis, Bill Damianos, Arthur Tsirtsakis, Michael Panopoulos, Mark Bacak, Zdravko Atanasovski, Alan Alexander (coach).*
- *Front row: Nick Alevropoulos, David Nasteski, Sasha Markovski.*

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ALTONA ILINDEN	12	8	1	3	24	10	16
ANZ BANK	13	5	2	6	16	15	12
FIBREMAKERS UTD	12	5	2	5	22	25	12
AUSTN AIRLINES	13	4	3	6	21	25	11
MONTROSE	11	5	0	6	19	15	10
APOLLO UNITED	11	4	1	6	27	33	9
NORTHCOTE UTD	13	2	0	10	18	38	4
MIDDLE PARK	12	1	2	9	11	41	4

RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
FOOTSCRAY UNITED	13	8	4	1	34	16	20
ANZ BANK	13	7	5	1	31	15	19
AUSTN AIRLINES	13	6	5	2	31	18	17
HIGHPOINT	12	5	6	1	26	8	16
MONTROSE	11	4	4	3	22	16	12
NORTHCOTE UTD	12	3	3	6	14	29	9
APOLLO UNITED	11	3	2	6	18	29	8
MIDDLE PARK	11	3	1	7	17	26	7
ALTONA ILINDEN	12	2	3	7	20	39	7
FIBREMAKERS UTD	12	1	3	8	16	33	5

DIVISION ONE AFTERNOON

Hamtpon 2 Avon Ua 0 (A-A)
Glenroy S U 3 Melb Rom 2 (A-2)
Thomast U 3 Fotts Eag 1 (
Windsor 2 Hampton P U 3 (H-2)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
HAMPTON PARK UTD	12	8	2	2	31	20	18
WINDSOR	12	7	2	3	37	26	16
COOMOORA SPIDERS	11	6	2	3	31	21	14
MELB ROMANIA	12	5	3	4	36	28	13
THOMASTOWN UTD	11	5	3	3	27	22	13
FLAMINGO	11	3	4	4	23	27	10
GLENROY DOXA UTD	10	3	4	3	18	23	10
S'VALE EAGLES	11	1	2	8	17	41	4
ROWVILLE UNITED	10	0	2	8	14	30	2

RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
WINDSOR	12	8	2	2	31	17	18
FLAMINGO	10	5	3	2	26	18	13
MELB ROMANIA	12	6	1	5	34	31	13
HAMPTON PARK UTD	12	6	0	6	33	22	12
GLENROY DOXA UTD	9	6	0	3	19	11	12
ROWVILLE UNITED	10	4	1	5	25	22	9
S'VALE EAGLES	10	3	2	5	21	25	8
COOMOORA SPIDERS	11	3	1	7	25	36	7
THOMASTOWN UTD	8	1	0	7	8	40	2

DIVISION TWO MIXED

Cretan Athl. 2 Middle East 2 (2-3)
Harambee P Leros U P (2-7)
Nth X St.H W SB Spurs 0 (W-0)
Oakl C S Melb. P 2 (3-1)
Tottenham 0 Bayside 1 (3-0)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
CRETAN ATHLETIC	13	10	1	2	46	20	21
TOTTENHAM	11	10	0	1	54	11	20
HARAMBEE	11	8	1	2	53	25	17
MIDDLE EAST	12	7	1	4	31	22	15
OAKLEIGH CITY	12	5	1	6	32	29	11
SWINBURNE	13	5	0	8	28	46	10
NTH X ST.HELENA	12	3	1	8	20	39	7
LEROS UNITED	11	3	0	8	22	43	6
S.B. SPURS	12	2	2	8	18	45	6
MELBOURNE PUMAS	11	1	3	7	18	42	5

RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
TOTTENHAM	11	10	1	0	36	6	21
HARAMBEE	12	7	3	2	23	20	17
OAKLEIGH CITY	12	8	0	4	36	22	16
CRETAN ATHLETIC	11	7	1	3	27	14	15
SWINBURNE	13	6	1	6	30	34	13
LEROS UNITED	12	5	2	5	29	28	12
MIDDLE EAST	12	5	1	6	30	28	11
MELBOURNE PUMAS	10	3	1	6	18	19	7
NTH X ST.HELENA	12	2	1	9	12	45	5
S.B. SPURS	13	0	1	12	15	40	1

DIVISION TWO AFTERNOON

KBRO Blue D 1 Dand. U 1 (S-D)
Bayside ATA 5 Nth Tim 1 (3-3)
Elw Ue 2 Nth. Dog.Sp 4 (1-1)
Fltwn Fler 4 Oak City B 2 (3-2)
Berwick U 6 CSUV 1 (3-2)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
BAYSIDE A.T.A.	13	10	3	0	55	20	23
FL'TON FLORIDIA	12	11	0	1	44	11	22
NTH DNG SPARROWS	12	8	2	2	34	18	18
BERWICK UNITED	12	7	1	4	30	15	15
KBRO BLUE DANUBE	13	6	2	5	22	18	14
NTHN TIMORESE	12	6	1	5	33	35	13
ELWOOD UNITED	12	4	3	5	25	26	11
DANDENONG UNITED	12	2	1	9	17	45	5
C.S.U.V.	13	1	0	12	12	55	2
OAK. CITY BAYS	13	0	1	12	16	44	1

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HIGHPOINT HOME SAFE

HIGHPOINT made a virtual certainty of the Division One Morning championship by downing arch-rival FootscrayUnited 1-0. The last time these teams met, Highpoint also came away with a 1-0 win, but on that occasion it took them 88 minutes to break through. Last weekend's lead came a lot earlier, courtesy of a Zlatko Behac goal at the 20th minute.

In heavy conditions this match settled down to a hard mid-field slog, with neither side able to build a consistent attacking pattern. Highpoint, having taken the early lead, did not make the mistake of resting on its laurels, and tried as hard as it could to increase the lead.

Footscray United, for its part, struggled desperately for at least an equaliser, although it urgently needed both points in order to make up the leeway on the front runners.

Highpoint now has a four-point break on its closest challenger (assuming Altona Ilinden wins its game in hand), and with only five matches to play nothing short of an outbreak of the Black Death seems likely to rob it of its richly deserved honours.

Altona Ilinden might have crept a little closer to Highpoint but was held to a 1-1 draw by a fiercely determined Australian Airlines. The Skyboys actually were first away when Joe Nand's 27th-minute boomer left the Ilinden keeper stranded.

For a while it seemed that the Airmen might steal both points, but Ilinden's Nicola Anastasovski had other ideas. With the half-time break looming nearer and nearer he capped off a determined effort with a handsome goal to bring the match back to square one.

Trey as they might, neither team could break the dead-lock. The match, which might have gone either way, finished in an honourable draw.

There was no question of running it close in the other two games. ANZ Bank whitewashed Middle Park 6-0, and Fibremakers United made short work of Apollo United in downing their visitors 6-2. This was a game where the bulk of the action came in the first half, with Fibremakers scoring at the 7th, 12th, 40th and 45th minutes.

David Lee, who came back out of a world record shortest retirement, capped off a happy day for Fibremakers by knocking in a hat-trick.

It was in fact Lee who opened the scoring when he latched on to a long ball from Gary Harrison, sidestepped the keeper and knocked the ball safely into the net. The Bass brothers combined for Fibremakers' second, with Peter running on to a nicely-weighted through ball from Bob. Shortly afterwards, the Apollo goalkeeper suffered a knee injury and was replaced. His stand-in still had plenty of work to do.

But it was the Fibremakers' keeper, Brian Morrison, who had the first chance to show his wares, when a point-blank Apollo rocket sent him lunging sideways to scoop in the ball as cleanly as you could wish. A few minutes later, Apollo finally beat him when Chris Katantsidis burst through a packed Fibremakers defence.

Fibremakers were to score twice more in the first half. Bob Bass was set free with only the keeper to beat, courtesy of a long floater from Steve Pongho.

With the keeper advancing desperately to close the angle, Bass took his time and carefully chipped him.

Minutes later, Steve Pongho took a free kick in the centre circle, striking it long and low. David Lee spun on to the ball, took it on the volley and hammered it in what may yet prove to be the goal of the season.

Two minutes into the second half Lee completed his hat-trick, taking the penalty resulting from an Apollo defender handling in the Area. Minutes later Apollo pulled another one back when Nick Triantafillopoulos latched on to a ball running loose in the goal-mouth.

But it was Apollo's last gasp. Steve Pongho, who had been instrumental in making two earlier goals, capped off a solo run with a delicate chip over and advancing Apollo keeper.

Fibremakers Reserves also had a happy day in recording their first win of the season. In a 7-0 whitewash of Apollo United Reserves, new signing Mark O'Boyle celebrated his debut with a hat-trick. Mick Burgess also knocked in three, with the seventh coming from Steve Ambrose.

The Division One Afternoon table was the victim of a major reshuffle when Youth United, decimated by its lack of playing strength and a lack of finances, withdrew from the competition.

With all matches involving Youth being declared null and void, both the points score and the goal difference of the remaining teams were cast *in a completely new light.* Nevertheless, Hampton Park United made sure it was not too adversely affected by downing former leaders Windsor 3-2 away from home. This was a result which may have left the Parkers delighted, but left two other teams bitterly disappointed.

Windsor, which lost the leadership, was devastated, but Coomoora Spiders, which was really praying for these two to draw, was almost equally desolate. Faring best from the reshuffle was Melbourne Rumania, which despite being held to a draw by Glenroy Doxa moved from 6th to 4th. In fifth place on goal difference, Thomastown United had a sound 3-1 win over Springvale Eagles, while Flamingo accounted for Rowville United 3-0.

Division Two Mixed sees Tottenham still marching relentlessly to the championship, on Sunday accounting for a luckless Swinburne 8-1.

Leader Cretan Athletic was held to a surprise 2-2 draw by Middle East in what was really the match of the day. But the dropped point will prove costly for Cretan, which is now only one point clear of Tottenham, despite having played two extra games.

Although having difficulty in finding the Cretan ground, Middle East's players had no trouble finding their feet, and launched quickly into attack. At the seventh minute Middle East's Ayad broke free in the Cretan Area. In a desperate attempt to prevent his scoring, Cretan's keeper was adjudged to have brought him down unfairly.

The resultant penalty was hit hard and low. Flinging himself to the side, Tzoras brought off a miraculous block. The ball rebounded and was again hit savagely goalwards, but again Tzoras lunged, and again he saved.

Despite Middle East's relentless attack, Cretan opened the scoring when Kon Paterakis whacked in a 20 metre shot at the tenth minute. Again, against the run of play, Kon Kavalakis extended Cretan's lead at the 44th minute, belting a half-volley wide of a despairing keeper.

The second half saw Middle East's players lift themselves to greater efforts. Their policy of outright attack was rewarded at the 68th and 85th minutes when Heythem Kabbara burst through the Cretan defence to score two brilliant goals. The final 2-2 scoreline is a fitting indication of the tenseness and excitement generated by this extremely high quality encounter.

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RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
ELWOOD UNITED	12	11	1	0	111	14	23
KBRO BLUE DANUBE	11	10	1	0	60	8	21
BERWICK UNITED	12	7	3	2	36	23	17
BAYSIDE A.T.A.	13	7	3	3	40	30	17
NTHN TIMORESE	12	5	2	5	26	45	12
NTH DNG SPARROWS	13	3	2	8	24	51	8
DANDENONG UNITED	13	3	2	8	24	67	8
OAK. CITY BAYS	12	2	3	8	30	54	7
FL'TON FLORIDIA	12	3	0	9	16	52	6
C.S.U.V.	13	1	3	9	18	41	5

DIVISION THREE EAST

Bowater 5 Kew Deaf 0
Exs. Trams 0 Taxation Ua 11
Garden C 1 Keeley Kings 1
Laminex 1 Prest. Trams 1
Westall PIPA 1 Dallas Ua 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
DALLAS UNITED	13	12	0	1	63	14	24
TAXATION UNITED	12	7	3	2	44	20	17
LAMINEX	13	6	5	2	52	31	17
BOWATER	12	6	2	4	29	22	14
PRESTON TRAMWAYS	13	6	2	5	33	33	14
KEELEY KINGS	13	6	2	5	34	35	14
GARDEN CITY	13	2	5	6	20	34	9
ESSENDON TRAMWAY	12	3	3	6	34	57	9
WESTALL P.I.P.A.	12	2	1	9	24	45	5
KEW DEAF	13	1	1	11	22	64	3

DIVISION THREE WEST

Alt Nth Tarx. 1 St Alb. Dyn. 1
K Park Heights 2 Ardeer 5
St Alb Wand. 2 Altona N 2
Sunbury 2 Whittlesea 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
ALT NTH TARXIEN	13	10	2	1	35	7	22
ARDEER	13	9	3	1	37	14	21
ST ALBANS DYNAMO	12	8	4	0	42	12	20
KEILOR OLD BOYS	12	6	2	4	26	25	14
ST ALB WANDERERS	10	5	1	4	27	13	11
ALTONA HEIGHTS	13	4	2	7	19	29	10
WHITTLESEA	12	4	1	7	24	41	9
K PARK HEIGHTS	13	2	2	9	19	32	6
SUNBURY	12	1	3	8	11	30	5
NIPPONDENSO	12	2	0	10	17	52	4

DIVISION FOUR

Alex the Great 2 Endeavour Ue 1
Eltham D.Valley 5 Sunsh. Ue 1
Embassy Taxis 3 Dingley Ue 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
ELTHAM/D. VALLEY	12	9	1	2	47	13	19
SUNSHINE N'DORIA	9	7	0	2	36	12	14
EPPING THISTLE	10	6	2	2	31	16	14
ALEX THE GREAT	11	6	1	4	23	24	13
ENDEAVOUR UNITED	11	5	2	4	28	24	12
SUNSHINE UNITED	12	4	1	7	26	36	9
SALESIAN O.B.	9	3	1	5	17	25	7
EMBASSY TAXIS	11	2	1	8	18	39	5
DINGLEY UNITED	11	1	1	9	17	53	3

ALTONA GATE v CAULFIELD C.

- TOP LEFT: Simon Micevski of Altona Gate strides through Mark Aretis' tackle.
- TOP RIGHT: Caulfield's Steve Rellos beats Gary McMullen to the ball.
- MIDDLE: Man of the match Caesar Fattore beats Arthur Davis.
- BOTTOM LEFT: Simon Micevski shows his style.
- BOTTOM RIGHT: 'Gates Jim Kebokovski is about to pounce on Caulfield's Steve Greenwood as Vlado Tortevski awaits the outcome.

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ROUND TWENTY-THREE DETAILS

ALTONA GATE 0 CAULFIELD CITY 0
At Paisley Reserve, Saturday. Referee G. Blakey.
ALTONA GATE: Lee - Micevski, Markovski, Byrne, Momirovski - Tortevski, Kebakoski (Nicoski 85th), Davis (Ristovski 75th), Ilioski - McMullen Georgevski. Coach Bill Murray.
CAULFIELD CITY: Madjer - Bitsonis, Dimovski, Fattore, Rellos - Theoharous, Filipou, Aretis, Greenwood (Abraam a65th) - Pappas, Casali (Zolotarev HT). Coach Jim Condilis.
Ansett best player award: Fattore (C) 3, Kebakoski (A) 2, Byrne (A) 1.

MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Wright 28th) BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 1 (Lane 60th)
At North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday. Referee J. Fearn. Cautions Doyle, McBride (MF), Della Rocca, Herd (J).
MORWELL FALCONS: Reynolds - O'Donnell (inj. Nelson HT), Walsh, Doyle, Bingham - Cassar, McBride, Byrne - Manley, Wright, Basara. Coach Bob McLachlan.
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Marrama - Marley, Coady, Belic, De Amicis (Patterson 75th) - Della Rocca, Lane, Herd, Minichiello - Egan, Klepac (McGrellis HT). Coach Manfred Schaefer.
Ansett best player award: Manley (MF) 3, De Amicis (J) 2, Lane (J) 1.

GREEN GULLY 2 (Metaxas 15th, Harrison 90th) BOX HILL 2 (Kennedy, pen. 50th, McGeachey 58th)
At Gully Reserve, Sunday. Referee N. Zachariades.
GREEN GULLY: Sant - Hogben (Borg 80th), McMillan, McLelland, Chetcuti - Elsey (Stogic 75th), Pender, Smart, Metaxas - Harrison, Daley. Coach Willie Vassallo.
BOX HILL: McKinlay - McLeod (inj. Lavelle 78th), Cooper, Davidson, Dimitrelis - Hanley, McArthur, McPhee - McGeachey, Kennedy, Egan. Coach John Brown.
Ansett best player award: McMillan (GG) 3, McArthur (BH) 2, McGeachey (BH) 1.

MARIBYRNONG 0 BULLEEN 1 (Avian 70th)
At Veneto Club, Sunday. Referee B. Grant. Caution Innes (M).
MARIBYRNONG: D'Antonio - Farrugia, Innes, Cazpnik, Blicharz - Stefanovic (De Bono 60th), Nelson, Fleming, Belegrinos - Bonk, Baran. Coach Leszik Djielkowski.
BULLEEN: Roccioletti - Marsan, Angele, Curulli, Dal Ben - Trgrlic, Avian, Ruccia, Livingstone - Lujic (Miosevic 60th), O'Keefe (Incantalupo 70th). Coach Alan Gentry.
Ansett best player award: Cazpnik (M) 3, Marsan (B) 2, Bonk (M) 1.

RINGWOOD CITY 2 (Corvan 65th, De Ridder, pen. 82nd) CROYDON CITY 1 (Scott 74th)
At Jubilee Park. Sunday. Referee T. Sorensen.
RINGWOOD CITY: Blackley - Vermiers, Cumming, Nolan, Haupt - Prinsen, Muir, Kennedy, Corvan - Wall, De Ridder. Coach Hans Petersen.
CROYDON CITY: M. Runje - Langsbury, Dobson, McIntosh, Roodhouse - Brown, van Egmond, Brimmer, G. Runje (Field 75th) - Scott, Humble. Coach Ian Dobson. Ansett best player award: Blackley (R) 3, Corvan (R) 2, Haupt (R) 1.

THOMAST OWN 3 (Dougherty 15th, Cristaldo 79th, Carfora 81st) FRANKSTON PINES 3 (Dick 17th, Ross 32nd, Keenan 45th)
At Partridge Reserve, Sunday. Referee D. Rand.
THOMASTOWN: Janakievski - De Propertis, Hennessy, Mihos, Mihailidis - Athersych, Dougherty, Cristaldo, Di Martino - Carfora, Sinclair (Ragusa 5th). Coach Robert Vieri.
FRANKSTON PINES: Davies - McDonagh, Ross (Hodgson 80th), Lipscombe, Buchanan - Weir, Keenan, Gavilan, Miller - Dick, Stirton. Coach Joe Sweeney.
Ansett best player award: Dougherty (T) 3, Dick (FP) 2, Ross (FP) 1.

FAWKNER 1 (Campbell 70th) NORTHCOTE CITY 2 (Cocker 40 sec, Ramos 88th)
At Smith Reserve, Sunday. Referee J. Santa Isabel.
FAWKNER: Terzini - Schipano, Cosentino, Patricca, Tubic (Soumalides 68th) - Ferla, Falcone (Marchett HT), Sabatino - Hanna, Emmanuelle, Campbell. Coach Cedo Cirkovic.
NORTHCOTE CITY: Turudia - Bekiaris, Palmaricciotti, Harris, N. Constantinou - Woodall, Ramos, Gymnopoulos, Patiniotis (Tsangas 65th) - Cocker, J. Constantinou. Coach Jim Pyrgolios.
Ansett best player award: J. Constantinou (N) 3, Cocker (N) 2, Patricca (F) 1.

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Leading goalscorers

16. Pappas (Caul)

14. Humble (Croy)

13. McMullen (Alt)

11. Basara (MF)

10. Morovic (St.A)
Egan (Juve)

9. Cocker (North)

8. Carfora (Thom)
Wright (MF)

7. Daley (GG)
Scott (Croy)
Stirton (FP)
Watson (FP)
Woodall (North)

6. Deligiannis (Caul)
Dick (FP)
Gagula (St.A)
Hanna (Fawk)
Metaxas (GG)
Tortevski (Alt)

5. Bonk (Mar,3p)
Georgevski (Alt)
Glockner (Juve)
Harrison (GG)
Herd (Juve)
Incantalupo (Bull)
Lane (Juve)
Webster (S'vale)

4. Emmanuelle (Fawk)
Eres (St.A)
McBride (MF)
McIntosh (Croy)
van Egmond (Croy)

3. Athersych (Thom)
Bozikas (Bull)
Brimmer (Croy)
Byrne (MF)
Campbell (Fawk)
Corvan (Ring)
Cristaldo (Thom)
Davis (Ring)
De Amicis (Juve)
Dobson (Croy)
Drakeford (Caul)
Harris (North)
Keenan (S'vale)
Kennedy (BH)
Kupresak (St.A)
McAleer (BH)
Maguire (Ring)
Manley (MF)
Nelson (Mar)
Raynes (Fawk)
Ross (FP)
Sokoluk(MF)
Theoharous (Caul)
Todorovski (Alt)
Tsangas (North)
Wall (Ring)
Warszawski (MF)

2. Aretis (Caul)
Armstrong (S'vale)
Avian (Bull)
Bitsonis (Caul)
Bryden (S'vale)
Dougherty (Thom)
Doyle (MF)
Egan (BH)
Farquharson (G.G)
Filipou (Caul)
Findlay (S'Vale)
Giaccherini (Juve)
Higgins (Thom)
Ilioski (Alt)
Klepac (Juve)
Kouremenos (North)
Lujic (Bull)
McArthur (BH)
McGrellis (Juve)
McLelland (GG)
McMillan (GG)
Markovski (Alt)
Muir (Ring)
O'Keefe (Bull)
Patiniotis (North)
Patterson (Juve)
Pender (GG)
Pondeljak (St.A)
Roodhouse (Croy)
Sabatino (Fawk)
Trogrlic (Bull)
Wall (Ring)

1. Aslimovski (Alt)
Baran (Mar)
Belegrinos (Mar)
Belic (Juve)
Bingham (MF)
Bothwell (FP)
Bruns (MF)
Burgess (North)
Burlak (North)
Cassar (MF)

STATE LEAGUE LADDER

JUVENTUS	22	14	6	2	41	16	34
MORWELL F	23	12	8	3	42	18	32
CRODYON C	22	13	5	4	37	10	31
ST ALBANS	23	11	7	5	27	17	29
Altona Gate	23	10	7	6	37	24	27
Northc. C	22	11	5	6	30	22	27
Caulfield C	23	9	6	8	34	32	24
Green Gully	23	9	4	9	30	26	22
Bulleen	23	8	6	9	19	23	22
Frankston P	23	7	7	9	29	36	21
Thomastown	23	6	9	8	22	31	21
Ringwood C	23	6	7	10	19	37	19
Springv. C	23	5	7	11	17	23	17
Fawkner	22	5	5	12	17	33	15
Box Hill	22	3	8	11	16	29	14
Maribyrnong	23	2	3	18	11	51	7

RESERVES RESULTS

MARIBYRNONG 1 BULLEEN 2
ALTONA GATE 1 CAULFIELD CITY 3
SPRINGVALE CITY 1 ST ALBANS 0
FAWKNER 5 NORTHCOTE CITY 2
MORWELL FALCONS 0 BRUNS JUVENTUS 2
THOMASTOWN 1 FRANKSTON PINES 0
GREEN GULLY 4 BOX HILL 0
RINGWOOD CITY 2 CROYDON CITY 1

RESERVES LADDER

Juventus	21	14	6	1	58	19	23
Altona Gate	23	13	5	5	47	33	31
Green Gully	21	12	5	4	57	28	29
St Albans	23	11	5	7	40	25	27
Caulfield C	22	11	5	6	42	35	27
Morwell F	23	11	3	9	39	37	25
Thomastown	21	9	4	8	25	31	22
Ringwood C	21	7	7	7	31	35	21
Bulleen	20	7	6	7	23	26	20
Springvale C	21	6	5	10	19	32	17
Northcote C	18	7	2	9	35	46	16
Frankston P	21	6	0	13	31	44	16
Fawkner	21	6	3	12	30	35	15
Box Hill	21	5	5	11	27	47	15
Croydon City	21	3	7	11	26	39	13
Maribyrnong	22	2	8	12	26	44	12

SPRINGVALE CITY 1 (Armstrong 79th) ST ALBANS 0
At Ross Reserve, Sunday. Referee C. Bambridge. Cautions Bryden (S), Bozic, Morovic, Eres (St.A).
SPRINGVALE CITY: Brian - Byrne, Bryden, Bissinger, Reilly - Keenan (Livingstone 65th, Kral 85th), Findlay, Fourna - Webster, Tuffield, Armstrong. Coach Gus Macleod.
ST ALBANS: Vunderl - Dragovic, Bozic, Colina, Kuzman (Simovic 70th) - Kupresak, Dezic, Gagula, Culina (Eres 60th) Morovic, Pondeljak. Coach Branko Culina.
Ansett best player award: Boz (St.A) 3, Bissinger (S) 2, Vunderl (St.A) 1.

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WITH None of the top four in the Ansett award gaining a vote at the weekend, John Corvan of Ringwood City and Sean Lane of Juventus seized the opportunity to narrow the gap slightly.

With seven rounds left to play, and a total of twenty-one votes still available, can a dark horse emerge from the pack and catch the leader on the post?

26. Kupresak (St.A)
Sokoluk (Caul)
Theoharous (Caul)

23. van Egmond (Croy)
Corvan (Ring)
Tortevski (Alt)

22. Byrne (MF)
Pender (GG)

7. Basara (MF)
Belic (Juve)
Bitsonis (Caul)
Carfora (Thom)
Davies (FP)
Dobson (Croy)
Kouremenos (North)
Manley (MF)
McKinlay (BH)
McLelland (GG)
Miller (FP)
O'Donnell (MF)
Pappas (Caul)
Ristovski (Alt)
Roodhouse (Croy)
Sant (GG)
Terzini (Fawk)

20. Drakeford (Caul)
Lane (Juve)

18. Harris (North)
Webster (S'vale)

17. Cooper (BH)
Dick (FP)
Herd (Juve)
McMullen (Alt)

16. McIntosh (Croy)
Maguire (Ring)

15. Krajacic (Bull)
Lujic (Bull)
Minichiello (Juve)

6. Cocker (North)
Constantinou.J (North)
Daley (GG)
Dougherty (Thom)
Gyanopoulos (North)
Harrison (GG)
Kebakovski
Patiniotis (North)
Simovic (St.A)
Trogrlic (Bull)

14. Brian (S'vale)
Watson (FP)
Woodall (North)

13. Humble (Croy)

12. Athersych (Thom)
Bozic (St.A)

5. Aslimovski (Alt)
Bingham (MF)
Bissinger (S'vale)
Burgess (North)
Cassar (MF)
D'Antonio (Mar)
Higgins (Thom)
McMillan (GG)
May (Ring)
Patterson (Juve)
Runje.G (Croy)
Schipano (Fawk)
Todorovski (Alt)

11. Brown (Croy)
Byrne (Alt)

10. Bonk (Mar)
Fattore (Caul)
Haupt (Ring)

9. Blackley (Ring)
Bryden (S'vale)
Culina (St.A)
Czapnik (Mar)
McArthur (BH)
Nelson (Mar)
O'Dell (Fawk)

8. Egan (Juve)
Gagula (St.A)
Ilioski (Alt)
Marsan (Bull)
Morovic (St.A)
Nelson (MF)

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Ringwood shocks Croydon

● JUVENTUS HOLDS OFF FALCONS

THE form book almost went out through the window last weekend as clubs in the bottom half of the table went out to prove they were better than their League position would suggest.

The possibility that the bottom six might find themselves in a different division next year could have helped, of course but whatever the cause, it all went for a lively weekend.

With only seven rounds left to play, a missed penalty at Ringwood and a second-half equaliser by Sean Lane could have settled the championship race.

Playing Croydon City and Juventus in successive weeks gave Morwell Falcons the opportunity to join Juve and strengthen their slim title hopes.

They did well too, with three points out of four, but they needed to get both points on Sunday and realist as he is, Bob McLachlan knows their chance could have slipped by.

The game was still scoreless at Ringwood in the Eastern derby when Nick van Egmond stepped up to take Croydon's penalty.

But his casually taken effort was saved by Colin Blackley and it was a setback from which Croydon never recovered.

When Ringwood was awarded a penalty, newcomer Marcel de Ridder from Rotterdam banged the spot-kick home as coolly as you like, then "Mr Ringwood" himself, captain John Corvan, scored the winner and from then on Blackley played a blinder and Croydon was left to muse on what might have been.

That win lifted Ringwood into twelth spot and it is breathing down the necks of Frankston Pines and Thomastown.

If it comes about that the top ten clubs are selected for the new League, don't write off Ringwood's chances of being in the elite group yet.

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THE large crowd at Morwell cheered itself hoarse when Billy Wright put Falcons ahead early in the first half, sensing Falcons' second biggest result in succession, but Sean Lane who is emerging as Juve's most valuable player of the season, levelled in the second half and from then on it was a see-saw affair, with most people conceding that a draw was a fair result.

That was on Saturday, of course and the full import of that result was put in perspective by Croydon's loss the next day and the failure of the other contenders to take advantage.

St Albans lost, Caulfield and the Gully drew, in fact Northcote City was the only club in the top half to win, and it had a narrow escape at Fawkner as it was.

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ST ALBANS' loss at Springvale was a bitter pill for Branko Culina to swallow and just to rub it in he learned that it was Springvale's first home win of the season.

But the Saints had only themselves to blame, bombing chance after chance in the first half, and that St Albans supporter who chanted incessantly throughout the game "send them back to the First Division" left the ground with egg on his face.

Internal dissent and the loss of too many players to Croatia hasn't helped the Saints' cause this term, but on the bright side Culina can console himself with the thought that young goalkeeper Mario Vunderl gets better every week.

When the tide turned and Springvale had the Saints defence reeling Vunderl made a couple of fine reflex saves and he wasn't at fault when Richie Armstrong scored the winner.

On that form and playing with the spirit it has shown in the second half of the season, Springvale will climb higher yet and it still has an outside chance of making the top ten.

That would have been a ludicrous statement to make after round thirteen when 'Vale was sitting on the bottom of the ladder.

Since then it has picked up thirteen points out of twenty, a mighty effort.

● *Velimir Kupresak, leading the Ansett Award narrowly from John Corvan.*

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WELL DONE THE HILLMEN! Another mighty effort that almost comes under the heading of giant-killing was Box Hill's draw at Green Gully.

Last week we made merry at the Hillmen's expense when we pointed out that they had not scored for 720 minutes.

Stung into action, they scored not one, but two goals at the Gully!

The difference could have been the arrival from Morton of well-performed Archie McGeachey, who had hardly been introduced to his team-mates before he scored.

No, no, not another Mac at Box Hill . . . they'll be wearing tartan shirts next!

Coach John Brown is delighted with his new acquisition seriously, though. "He's only 19 years of age, not very big but quick, and he has two good feet," he says.

"He not only scored one goal, but he made the other when he put Stuart McArthur through."

However, the fly in the ointment where Box Hill is concerned is that the other goalscorer Kennedy's visa expires in a couple of weeks and he'll have to go back to the UK.

One door opens and another shuts, as the philosophical John Brown puts it. There was almost another coupon-buster on Sunday too, as Maribyrnong, playing much better than its lowly position would indicate had Bulleen on twenty minutes from the end, when a defensive slip following a corner let in Claude Avian for the decisive goal.

I've already warned my colleague Rab Nelson against these players wearing bicycle shorts!

Thomastown seems happy enough under new coach Roberto Vieri, but I wonder how he manages to communicate with the Poms like Dean Hennessy, Russell Athersych and Norman Dougherty.

Not to mention Andy Higgins although poor Andy won't be too chipper at the moment.

He's hobbling around after having arthroscopy to both knees and looks like missing the rest of the season.

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SCRAMBLE IS ON If it transpires that the VSF takes the top ten clubs in the State League to form the new Super League with Melbourne JUST and Heidelberg as rumour has it, the relegation will take on a whole new dimension.

In fairness to all the State League clubs (not to mention the VIC League First Division clubs), the VSF should make its decision known quickly.

Some clubs are going to be shocked to find that finishing out of the bottom two doesn't represent the safety they thought it did.

Suddenly, those clubs sitting below tenth in the League are going to have to make that extra effort if they want to play with the big boys next year.

Or make that eleventh, if the State League champion opts to be promoted. This weekend's games, with possible winners in capitals.

SATURDAY: **CAULFIELD CITY** v Fawkner at Princes Park, Northcote City v Springvale City (draw) at John Cain Reserve.

SUNDAY: Thomastown v **GREEN GULLY** at Partridge Reserve, **CROYDON CITY** v Altona Gate at Town Park, **BOX HILL** v Maribyrnong at Wembley Park, Bulleen v **MORWELL FALCONS** at the Veneto Club, Frankston Pines v St Albans (draw) at Monterey Reserve, Ringwood City v **BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS** at Jubilee Park.

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VICTORIAN LEAGUE 1

FIRSTS

A.Eagles	0	V	Oak'n	0
M'bourne	2	V	S'kton	0
Coon'a	1	V	C'don	4
M'mont	4	V	M'gate	1
M'town	4	V	S'mong	2
M'mont	2	V	Knox	2
Mord	0	V	Albion	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
M'bourn	17	15	1	1	37	9	31
Albion	18	9	7	2	21	11	25
S'kton	19	9	5	5	32	19	23
Knox	17	9	3	6	27	25	21
Oak'n	17	6	7	4	21	14	19
Mord	18	5	8	5	22	22	18
M'mont	18	7	4	7	19	21	18
S'mong	19	6	6	7	17	23	18
A.Eagles	18	5	7	6	13	19	17
M'gate	17	6	4	7	17	18	16
M'mont	19	5	6	8	26	23	16
Coon'a	19	7	2	10	21	29	16
M'mont	16	6	3	7	25	25	15
S'mong	18	1	2	15	15	38	4

RESERVES

A.Eagles	1	V	Oak'n	0
M'bourn	4	V	S'kton	1
Coon'a	2	V	C'don	9
M'mont	4	V	M'gate	1
M'town	1	V	S'mong	0
M'mont		V	Knox	
Mord	2	V	Albion	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Albion	17	12	1	4	33	20	25
M'bourn	18	16	1	3	59	22	33
M'mont	17	10	2	5	33	22	22
Coon'a	17	8	4	3	25	17	22
Knox	14	8	4	2	42	15	20
M'mont	16	7	4	5	26	23	18
S'kton	17	5	5	7	19	16	15
A.Eagles	17	7	1	9	16	16	15
Oak'n	17	3	8	6	27	25	14
S'mong	18	3	3	10	19	24	13
C'don	17	6	1	10	20	26	13
Mord	17	3	3	9	32	54	13
M'town	17	3	1	11	21	34	11
M'gate	19	3	0	16	22	42	10

LEAGUE 2

FIRSTS

M'bourg	3	V	M'villa	1
M'mont	0	V	M'mont	1
N.Coast	1	V	Keilor	0
Pt.Mel	0	V	Mon.C	2
S'bury	2	V	Coast	2
Coburg	3	V	M'tan	1
Sun Rv	0	V	C'tan N	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
N.Coast	18	11	3	4	37	19	25
Keilor	19	11	3	5	30	17	25
Pt.Mel	18	10	3	5	32	24	23
Coast	19	9	5	5	30	26	23
M'tan	18	8	5	5	27	22	21
M'mont	18	10	1	7	32	28	21
M'mont	17	8	5	4	28	24	21
Mon.C	19	8	3	8	33	27	19
C'tan N	18	8	3	7	24	22	19
Coburg	17	6	4	5	28	25	18
Sun Rv	19	4	6	9	13	22	14
S'bury	18	4	4	10	19	32	12
M'bourg	18	4	1	13	24	40	9
Y'ville	18	1	2	15	10	37	4

RESERVES

M'bourg	5	V	Y'ville	1
M'mont	6	V	M'mont	1
N.Coast	2	V	Keilor	4
Pt.Mel	1	V	Mon.C	0
S'bury		V	Coast	
Coburg	0	V	M'tan	2
Sun Rv	3	V	C'tan N	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
M'tan	16	14	1	1	60	11	29
C'tan N	16	11	2	3	41	19	24
Keilor	14	10	2	2	31	10	22
N.Coast	17	10	1	6	47	30	21
Sun Rv	16	8	1	7	42	28	17
Pt.Mel	16	8	1	7	34	23	17
M'mont	17	7	1	9	39	44	17
Mon.C	16	7	0	9	33	27	14
M'mont	16	7	0	9	40	42	14
Coast	14	5	2	7	30	30	12
S'bury	17	4	4	9	27	39	12
S'bury	18	4	3	11	28	39	11
Y'ville	16	4	0	12	20	38	8
Coburg	15	2	2	11	15	47	6

LEAGUE 3

FIRSTS

Altona	1	V	M'tan	0
C/Gwil	2	V	Eltham	2
S'fort	5	V	Hall Pk	6
M'bin	1	V	S'vale	1
Lalor	3	V	C'ona	9
M'thorn	3	V	Bell Pk	2
C'linda	6	V	M'ourn	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bell Pk	19	14	2	3	48	14	30
C'ona	19	10	5	4	35	22	25
S/Gwil	19	9	6	4	29	17	24
S'fort	19	9	4	6	39	19	22
Eltham	19	8	6	5	27	22	22
M'tan	19	8	5	6	23	22	21
C'linda	19	7	6	6	31	30	20
Hall Pk	19	9	1	9	34	30	19
M'bin	19	7	5	7	25	28	19
Lalor	18	8	3	7	23	31	19
S'vale	19	3	7	9	18	32	13
M'ourn	19	3	5	11	16	42	11
M'thorn	18	3	4	11	23	34	10
Altona	19	3	3	13	23	51	9

RESERVES

Altona	0	V	M'tan	1
C/Gwil		V	Eltham	
S'fort	6	V	Hall Pk	2
M'bin	3	V	S'vale	0
Lalor		V	C'ona	
M'thorn	8	V	Bell Pk	4
C'linda	4	V	M'ourn	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
M'bin	17	12	3	2	36	17	27
Eltham	17	12	1	4	41	17	25
S'fort	19	11	2	6	40	22	24
Bell Pk	18	10	3	5	33	25	23
S'linda	18	10	2	6	47	40	22
S'vale	17	8	5	4	32	32	19
C'ona	16	8	3	5	35	32	16
Hall Pk	16	6	2	8	31	42	14
M'tan	19	6	2	11	23	38	14
Lalor	16	4	5	7	24	30	13
M'thorn	17	5	3	9	22	36	13
C/Gwil	17	5	1	11	30	38	11
M'ourn	18	1	1	16	12	71	3

LEAGUE 4

FIRSTS

Mora.Pk	0	V	K'lingal	0
Cl'ton	7	V	M'town	2
FTGully	2	V	Keysbro	1
L'warr	3	V	Regent	1
Hamlyn	0	V	Boronia	1
B'anna	0	V	Dant	4
P'vale	0	V	Brun/lv	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cl'ton	19	13	4	2	57	25	30
Dant	19	12	6	1	48	20	30
Brun/lv	19	10	6	3	29	14	26
Hamlyn	18	11	3	4	44	25	25
Regent	19	8	4	7	24	19	20
L'warr	18	7	5	6	27	21	19
K'lingal	19	7	4	8	26	23	18
P'vale	19	5	6	8	16	29	16
FTgully	19	5	5	9	20	30	15
Mora.Pk	19	6	3	10	27	38	15
B'anna	17	5	4	8	22	38	14
Keysbro	19	3	5	11	18	35	11
Boronia	17	3	3	9	13	31	11
M'town	19	2	4	11	21	44	10

RESERVES

Mora.Pk	0	V	K'lingal	3
Cl'ton	2	V	M'town	0
FTGully	4	V	Keysbro	0
L'warr	1	V	Regent	1
Hamlyn	0	V	Boronia	2
B'anna	2	V	Dant	1
P'vale	0	V	Brun/lv	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cl'ton	17	12	2	3	38	17	26
Brun/lv	19	9	6	4	38	22	24
L'warr	18	8	7	3	33	22	23
Dant	18	7	6	5	46	34	20
FTgully	18	7	3	8	30	26	17
Mora.Pk	17	6	5	6	27	26	17
Regent	17	5	7	5	28	29	17
K'lingal	16	7	2	7	25	19	16
B'anna	17	6	4	7	26	31	16
Hamlyn	16	7	1	8	29	26	15
Keysbro	19	6	3	10	29	43	15
M'town	19	6	2	11	26	40	14
Boronia	15	5	3	7	19	24	13
P'vale	16	4	1	11	17	39	9

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE 1

FIRSTS

Mav'le	2	V	W Vale	0
Berwick	7	V	B'wick	2
Prahran	2	V	N.Dan	5
W Mead	3	V	E Gwnl	0
Mons'r	2	V	Malvern	2
Melton	1	V	S'vale	3
S Yarra	1	V	Oak.Sub	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S'vale	18	15	3	0	42	13	33
Prahran	19	10	7	2	46	32	27
Berwick	18	12	1	5	43	23	25
Oak.Sub	17	9	4	4	34	26	22
W Mead	17	10	1	6	32	24	21
W Vale	18	8	5	5	27	20	21
N.Dan	17	9	2	6	42	28	20
Mons'r	19	6	5	8	27	27	17
Malvern	17	6	4	7	26	30	16
Melton	19	5	5	9	28	36	15
B'wick	17	4	4	9	21	35	12
Mav'le	18	4	1	13	21	42	9
E Gwnl	17	3	2	12	21	44	8
S Yarra	19	1	2	16	16	46	4

RESERVES

Mav'le	2	V	W Vale	0
Berwick	1	V	B'wick	3
Prahran	3	V	N.Dan	1
W Mead	4	V	E Gwnl	3
Mons'r		V	Malvern	
Melton	0	V	S'vale	2
S Yarra	1	V	Oak.Sub	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Prahran	19	14	2	3	54	17	30
N.Dan	15	10	2	3	40	19	22
Malvern	16	10	2	4	40	10	22
S'vale	15	10	2	3	26	16	22
W Mead	15	9	3	3	34	20	21
Melton	19	7	5	7	27	23	19
W Vale	16	6	4	6	22	19	16
Mons'r	18	5	5	8	35	30	15
B'wick	16	5	4	7	24	31	14
Berwick	17	4	5	8	22	33	13
Mav'le	18	3	2	11	23	48	12
S Yarra	17	3	5	9	25	37	11
Oak.Sub	16	3	3	10	16	33	9
E Gwnl	17	2	4	11	24	40	8

LEAGUE 2

FIRSTS

S S'vale	4	V	Port Un	1
Uni Melb	1	V	Br'tons	2
F'kston	2	V	Glenroy	1
Altona Eas	1	V	F.Hill	1
Lalor	3	V	Cranb'n	1
Ascot	7	V	Monash	0
Ball't	2	V	S Dandy	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Uni Melb	19	14	2	3	49	18	30
Altona	18	9	8	1	35	21	26
Ascot	18	10	3	5	46	24	23
F.Hill	18	8	5	5	32	25	21
F'kston	19	9	2	8	32	32	20
S Dandy	16	8	3	5	33	21	19
Ball't	18	7	5	6	30	19	19
Lalor	17	6	5	6	37	34	17
Glenroy	18	7	2	9	37	44	16
Cranb'n	18	3	9	6	21	34	15
S S'vale	18	5	4	9	22	32	14
Br'tons	18	4	2	12	23	43	10
Port Un	13	2	4	9	21	44	8
Monash	16	2	4	10	13	36	8

LEAGUE 3

FIRSTS

Fitzroy	1	V	Altona	1
W'tirna	2	V	Lyndale	2
Mitchan	4	V	Carrum	2
Mod.Pk.	4	V	R'dale	1
Nth Clayto	0	V	Ringe'd	3
Brandon	4	V	Monbulk	1
Balaan	0	V	Kew	0
Fitzroy	19	12	5	2	36	21	29
Lyndale	18	12	3	3	43	22	27
Brandon	18	11	4	3	33	17	26
Kew	19	8	8	3	26	19	24
Mod.Pk.	17	8	5	4	28	23	21
W'tirna	19	7	6	6	43	29	20
Mitchan	18	8	3	7	36	39	19
Altona	18	6	5	7	16	20	17
Ringe'd	18	3	9	6	25	29	15
Monbulk	18	4	6	8	17	20	14
Balaan	18	2	9	7	26	31	13
Carrum	17	3	7	7	23	28	13
R'dale	17	2	4	11	22	48	8
Nth Cla	18	1	4	13	17	45	6

RESERVES

Fitzroy	1	V	Altona	0
W'tirna	2	V	Lyndale	6
Mitchan	4	V	Carrum	2
Mod.Pk.	3	V	R'dale	6
N.Clayton	1	V	Ringe'd	2
Brandon	0	V	Monbulk	0
Balaan	4	V	Kew	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lyndale	18	13	1	4	65	32	27
Monbulk	18	11	4	3	44	24	26
Balaan	17	11	2	4	50	33	24
Kew	19	9	5	5	46	30	23
W'tirna	16	11	1	4	44	26	23
R'dale	18	10	3	5	43	30	23
Brandon	17	8	5	4	39	20	21
Altona	18	6	2	10	34	46	14
Mod.Pk.	15	6	1	8	29	40	13
Mitchan	17	5	3	9	28	32	13
Carrum	17	5	2	10	42	50	12
Ringe'd	17	4	0	13	22	65	8
Fitzroy	16	3	1	12	25	61	7
N.Clayt	15	2	0	13	15	52	4

AMATEUR LEAGUE 1

FIRSTS

Mav.Mand	2	V	North U	1
Keilor	0	V	Diggers	3
Phillip		V	Balwyn	
M'thorn	2	V	E Rich	2
Coll'wd	2	V	L'robe U	2
Bye		V	Oak U	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
E Rich	16	13	2	1	49	19	28
M'thorn	17	11	5	1	49	24	27
Mav.Man	16	9	3	4	42	28	21
Oak U	17	6	8	3	37	36	20
Balwyn	14	7	4	3	44	29	18
Diggers	16	5	4	7	31	29	14
Phillip	14	4	5	5	22	27	13
Coll'wd	17	4	4	9	23	34	12
North U	16	4	3	9	18	35	11
L'robe	16	0	6	10	25	48	6
Keilor	17	2	2	13	20	51	6
Bye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

RESERVES

Mav.Mand	5	V	North U	0
Keilor	5	V	Diggers	1
Phillip		V	Balwyn	
M'thorn	1	V	E Rich	1
Coll'wd		V	L'robe U	
Bye		V	Oak U	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Mav.Man	16	11	2	3	38	20	24
Coll'wd	14	11	1	2	51	22	23
Balwyn	14	10	1	3	41	27	21
E Rich	16	8	4	4	37	42	20
Phillip	14	5	5	4	26	21	15
L'robe	15	7	0	8	39	43	14
North U	15	4	5	6	19	33	13
Diggers	16	4	4	8	37	45	12
Oak U	15	4	3	8	35	41	11
Keilor	17	3	2	12	25	64	8
M'thorn	16	0	7	9	19	40	7
Bye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

LEAGUE 2

FIRSTS

Ubfield	7	V	E.Hills	0
Maccabi	0	V	P'city	1
D.Valley		V	Mel.Uni	
C'well G	1	V	O Scots	1
R.M.I.T.	2	V	Yarra U	4
Furlan	6	V	C'corde	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Yarra U	19	15	1	3	77	32	31
O Scots	18	13	3	2	67	23	29
Mel.Uni	17	13	1	3	56	17	27
C'well	18	12	1	5	74	32	25
Ubfield	18	10	4	4	66	30	24
D.Valle	17	5	7	5	30	27	17
Furlan	18	6	4	8	38	43	16
Maccabi	17	5	3	9	44	49	13
E.Hills	18	5	3	10	39	49	13
R.M.I.T	18	3	4	11	36	59	10
P'city	19	4	2	13	29	46	10
C'corde	19	0	1	18	17	153	1

RESERVES

Ubfield	0	V	E.Hills	0
Maccabi	0	V	P'city	4
D.Valley		V	Mel.Uni	
C'well G		V	O Scots	
R.M.I.T.		V	Yarra U	
Furlan		V	C'corde	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
C'well	18	11	5	2	38	18	27
E.Hills	18	10	6	2	37	22	26
O Scots	16	10	4	2	44	18	24
Furlan	18	9	2	7	42	33	20
P'city	17	9	2	6	44	17	20
Mel.Uni	17	8	4	5	43	25	20
Ubfield	16	8	2	6	32	27	18
Yarra U	12	7	2	3	43	26	16
D.Valle	16	5	3	8	29	31	13
Maccabi	18	4	0	14	33	63	8
R.M.I.T	15	1	0	14	15	94	2
C'corde	13	0	0	13	4	85	0

UNDER 11

CENTRAL

C.BENT	5	V	E.RICH	2
C.FIELD		V	BYE	
MORST B	11	V	MORST	0
G.LEIGH SU	0	V	MEL CITY	5
B.MAND	6	V	CLAYTON	2
CONDORS	4	V	ELWOOD	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
B.aeria	13	11	1	1	86	13	23
Clayton	13	8	3	2	67	19	19
Mordi	12	8	2	2	55	15	18
E.rich	13	7	4	2	49	9	18
C.field	12	7	2	3	24	15	16
Condors	13	6	2	5	43	27	14
Mel Cty	12	5	2	5	55	28	12
Elwood	13	3	2	8	34	67	8
E.bent	13	3	0	10	18	65	6
G.leigh	12	1	0	11	4	87	2
Mordi B	12	1	0	11	12	106	2

EASTERN A

M'ley.Cty	1	V	Donc.R	3
F. HILL	9	V	Cla'nda	0
B.Hill	0	V	S'valeA	13
M'ley.U	2	V	Cr'don.C	1
Bulleen	2	V	Mitchan	1
Nuna.C	0	V	Knox.A	6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S'valea	14	13	0	1	111	9	26
Knox.A	13	10	1	2	87	11	21
Cr'don.	13	9	2	2	66	17	20
M'ley.U	14	10	0	4	64	19	20
F. Hill	14	8	2	4	63	20	18
Bulleen	14	7	1	6	45	24	15
Donc.R	14	6	2	6	27	50	14
Mitchan	13	5	1	7	38	35	11
M'ley.C	14	3	1	10	18	70	7
Nuna.C	13	2	1	10	19	80	5
Cla'nda	14	2	1	11	7	84	5
B.Hill	14	1	0	13	7	105	2

EASTERN B

OAKLEIGH	0	V	M.BARK	5
BRI.TON	2	V	ELTHAM	1
S.VALE CTY	6	V	S.BROOK	1
H.TON PK	2	V	B.DON PK	0
BORONIA	0	V	KNOX CTY C	5
G/W.LEY	4	V	KNOX CTY B	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S/w.Ley	14	13	0	1	60	7	26
M.bark	14	12	1	1	68	4	25
H.ton P	13	10	0	3	50	16	20
Eltham	14	8	0	6	31	21	16
Knox Ct	13	6	3	4	37	15	15
Oakleig	13	6	3	4	37	20	15
S.vale	14	6	2	6	37	40	14
B.don P	13	3	4	6	17	22	10
Boronia	14	3	4	7	13	44	10
Knox Ct	13	2	2	9	14	53	6
S.brook	13	1	1	11	9	49	3
Bri.ton	14	1	0	13	5	85	2

NORTHERN

MALVERN		V	BYE	
FRANKSTON	0	V	PRESTON A	0
LALOR UTD	8	V	H.BERG UTD	0
B.U.DAVC	3	V	MEL.CROATI	3
T.TOWN	3	V	N.COTE CTY	0
N.COLL UTD	2	V	LALOR	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
T.town	13	10	2	1	41	9	22
B.U.Dav	13	8	5	0	33	7	21
Frankstn	11	9	2	0	36	1	20
Lalor U	10	6	4	0	23	6	16
Mel.Cro	12	3	4	5	21	24	10
Malvern	12	4	2	6	17	26	10
N.coll	12	4	1	7	16	25	9
N.cote	13	4	0	9	21	31	8
Lalor	12	2	2	7	8	41	7
Preston	11	2	2	7	12	21	6
H.berg	13	1	1	11	5	32	3

NTH/WEST A

WEST SUBS	6	V	REGENT	1
SUNBURY	0	V	COB.JOHN	6
SYD.PARK	1	V	MED.PARK	3
BYE		V	WEST.GATE	
BYE		V	N.BEARS B	
NTH.BEE	21	V	S/BANK/THO	0
Nth.ran	12	11	1	0	107	4	23
West Su	12	9	2	1	78	8	20
Ess.don	13	9	0	2	71	10	18
Regent	11	6	1	4	27	30	13
Syd.par	12	4	3	5	18	24	11
Med.par	9	4	1	4	12	20	9
Sunbury	11	3	0	8	12	36	6
Wem.get	10	2	1	7	14	34	5
N.berg	10	1	1	8	1	82	3
E/burn	12	1	0	11	8	95	2

NTH/WEST B

M.MEDS	3	V	ALTONA EAS	0
G.GULLY	0	V	WESTVALE	3
LALOR UTD	0	V	SUN.PARK	5
PRESTON B	0	V	KEON.PARK	7
Y.VILLE B	3	V	N.COTE CTY	4
MACCABI	1	V	B.BANK	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sun.par	12	12	0	0	69	3	24
Keon Pa	13	11	1	1	45	4	23
M.meds	14	10	2	2	38	14	22
Westval	13	9	3	1	70	5	21
Maccabi	14	6	4	4	44	22	16
B.anna	13	5	2	6	39	24	12
Preston	14	5	1	8	21	48	11
G.gully	14	4	1	9	21	51	9
Lalor U	14	3	2	9	16	45	8
N.cote	12	3	1	8	15	51	7
Y.ville	14	1	3	10	8	52	5
Altona	13	0	2	11	3	68	2

PENINSULA

DINGLEY	1	V	S.DANDY	0
SS.VALE A	3	V	SS.VALE B	0
L.WARN	0	V	LYNDALE	2
C.BOURNE	2	V	DOVETON	0
P.SULA	3	V	F.STNES	6
S.VALE UTD	4	V	F.STON UTD	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
F.stnes	15	12	1	0	74	12	25
C.bourn

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
C.Field	14	12	1	1	67	12	25
P.ola	13	12	0	1	63	5	24
Clayton	13	10	0	3	50	15	20
Mont Ct.	12	7	1	4	39	20	15
Brighto	14	6	3	5	24	27	15
B.earle	14	6	1	7	36	31	13
L.warn	14	3	7	4	14	15	13
E.bent	14	5	2	7	26	49	12
E.rich	14	2	5	7	13	29	9
Baxter	14	2	3	9	8	40	7
Glen Ma	13	1	3	9	11	46	5
B.nong	13	1	2	10	13	52	4

CEN/PEN B

KARINGAL	1	V	N,TON 0
CONDORS	0	V	B,GREENS 0
SOU.WAN	1	V	SEAFORD B 3
C.BOURNE	5	V	CHELSEA 0
MITCHAM B	2	V	SS,VALE 0
BERWICK B	0	V	ELWOOD 8

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
C.bourn	14	13	1	0	41	9	27
Elwood	14	12	0	2	98	8	24
Condors	14	10	2	2	59	14	22
Mitchae	14	9	2	3	49	15	20
Seaford	14	8	2	4	42	20	18
B.green	14	4	6	4	14	14	14
Ba.vale	14	5	2	7	26	27	12
Chelsea	14	3	2	9	23	45	8
San.hse	14	2	4	8	14	48	8
Berwick	14	2	4	8	14	52	8
Karinga	14	2	2	10	6	60	6
M.ton	14	0	1	13	3	71	1

EASTERN A

MONBULK	2	V	D,ROVERS 3
F.HILL	3	V	CLAIRMON 7
SEAFORD A	0	V	G,VALE CITY 1
MAV,UTD	1	V	DONETON 1
M,BARK	0	V	MITCHAM A 11
BERWICK A	0	V	F,STON UTD 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Seaford	13	12	0	1	50	13	24
F.hill	13	9	3	1	40	10	21
S.vale	14	10	1	3	30	12	21
Mitchae	13	9	2	2	53	5	20
F.ston	13	6	4	3	18	10	16
Doveton	14	5	5	4	22	19	15
Berwick	14	5	4	5	25	15	14
Clarind	14	5	2	7	20	29	12
Mav,utd	13	3	3	7	18	26	9
D,rover	13	2	2	9	11	39	6
M,bark	12	0	0	12	5	55	0
Monbulk	12	0	0	12	7	67	0

NORTHERN A

MALVERN	2	V	RESENT 3
M,MED	0	V	B.U.JUVE 0
FAWKNER	2	V	H,BERG UTD 3
LALOR	3	V	PRESTON 0
T,TOWN		V	BYE
M,RSS	1	V	BULLEEN 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Lalor	13	11	1	1	29	7	23
M,ros	12	7	4	1	29	14	18
Regent	12	6	5	1	33	14	17
Bulleen	12	5	5	2	15	8	15
H,berg	13	5	3	5	14	15	13
T.town	11	4	4	3	15	13	12
B.U.Juv	13	3	4	6	18	13	10
M,wad	12	3	4	5	16	13	10
Preston	12	2	4	6	9	19	8
Fawkner	13	3	2	8	20	35	8
Malvern	13	0	2	11	8	55	2

NORTHERN B

ESS.DON	3	V	KEON PK 0
LALOR UTD	3	V	ELTHAM 1
BYE		V	G,BORO
BUNDOORA		V	M,CROATIA
BYE		V	N,COTE CITY
E.BRUN/THA	1	V	PT,MELB 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Lalor U	10	10	0	0	43	5	20
M,croat	10	5	3	2	40	9	13
Ess.don	10	6	1	3	24	12	13
Pt.melb	11	5	3	3	21	21	13
E.brun/	10	4	4	2	16	12	12
N.cote	10	4	1	5	19	21	9
Bundoor	8	3	1	4	16	32	7
Koon Pk	10	3	0	7	17	34	6
Eltham	12	1	3	8	18	42	5
G.boro	9	1	2	6	9	29	4

WESTERN A

K/PK/NSTY		V	E,ALTONA
BYE		V	N,GEE
ALTONA CITY		V	BYE
KEILOR	0	V	MELTON 1
ST ALBANS		V	BYE
SUN PARK	1	V	SUN,NTS 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
N.gee	8	6	1	1	25	5	13
Sun,nts	8	6	0	2	19	3	12
Sun Par	7	5	1	1	15	6	11
St Alba	6	4	1	1	16	4	9
Altona	7	3	1	3	16	10	7
Melton	8	3	1	4	3	8	7
E,alton	8	2	0	6	6	24	4
Keilor	9	1	0	8	4	25	2
Kilpilas	5	0	1	4	2	13	1

WESTERN B

W,SUBS		V	BYE
BRIXTONS		V	NTH,SUN
BYE		V	GEORGE I
MELB CITY		V	BYE
ALTONA GAT		V	ALBION
SYD PARK		V	W,VALE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Nth,wan	4	4	0	0	10	0	8
Altona	5	4	0	1	14	5	8
Melb Ct	4	3	0	1	6	4	6
W,vale	4	2	0	2	16	4	4
W,subs	4	2	0	2	6	7	4
George	4	1	1	2	6	8	3
Albion	4	1	1	2	4	19	3
Brixton	4	0	2	2	1	6	2
Syd Par	5	0	0	5	5	15	0

UNDER 13

EASTERN A

MAV/LEY CT	0	V	E/RICH 2
CROYDON	8	V	CLAIRNDA 1
L,WARN	1	V	LYNDALE 0
C,BOURNE	1	V	DONC.R 1
M/BARK	0	V	BENT GR 6
B,MARIS	7	V	SEAFORD 2
Bent Gr	14	11	3	0	59	6	25
E/rich	14	10	2	2	41	13	22
Clarind	14	10	2	2	41	18	22
B,earle	14	7	5	2	62	22	19
Lyndale	14	8	3	3	32	13	19
Donc.R	14	7	3	4	40	19	17
Mav/ley	15	6	1	6	33	29	13
C,bourn	13	1	5	7	6	24	7
L,warn	13	3	0	10	15	45	6
Seaford	14	3	0	11	17	73	6
Croydon	13	2	0	11	19	53	4
M/bark	14	1	2	11	10	60	4

EASTERN B

E,BENT	6	V	M,TON 1
F,HILL	1	V	SS/VALE 2
SANDY	0	V	MORDI 3
HAMPTON	16	V	HASTINGS 0
MAV,UTD	4	V	R,WOOD CTY 0
BYE		V	MONBULK

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Mordi	13	10	3	0	79	6	23
Mav,utd	13	10	1	2	79	13	21
E,bent	12	10	1	1	64	10	21
Se/vale	13	6	4	3	37	16	16
Hampton	13	7	0	6	61	45	14
R,wood	12	5	3	4	31	33	13
K,ton	14	4	1	9	26	46	9
F,hill	12	3	2	7	25	32	8
Sandy	12	3	1	8	17	50	7
Monbulk	12	2	1	9	15	57	5
Hasting	13	0	2	11	4	120	2

NTH/WEST A

WEST.SUBS	4	V	RESENT 1
BYE		V	LALOR UTD
ALT.CY	5	V	LALOR 0
BRUN.CY	0	V	MELB.CROAT 10
ALT.GATE	3	V	N'COTE 0
FAWKNER	1	V	NTH,SUN 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Fawkner	12	7	5	0	41	9	19
West.Su	11	8	1	2	42	13	17
Alt.Cy	13	8	1	4	34	18	17
Alt.Gat	12	7	3	2	23	9	17
Melb.Cr	12	7	1	4	41	13	15
Regent	10	6	2	2	23	11	14
Nth.Sun	11	2	4	5	13	22	8
N'cote	11	2	3	6	12	29	7
Lalor U	9	2	0	7	13	21	4
Brun.Cy	11	1	2	8	6	51	4
Lalor	12	0	2	10	5	57	2

NTH/WEST B

M.KONG	0	V	E.GEEL 3
MON.COLL	2	V	S.G.I. 1
BYE		V	ESS.CY
SYD.PK		V	BYE
T.TOWN	0	V	MORELAND 0
CLIF.HILL	1	V	ALBION 2
Ess.Cy	10	9	1	0	53	5	19
T.Town	10	7	1	2	47	10	15
Morelan	11	5	3	3	22	21	13
S.G.I.	10	5	1	4	29	19	11
Albion	9	5	1	3	27	19	11
E.Geel	10	3	2	5	16	21	8
Syd.Pk	9	4	0	5	17	36	8
Clif.Hi	11	2	2	7	9	33	6
Mon.Col	9	1	3	5	7	25	5
M.Kong	9	1	0	8	8	43	2

NTH/WEST C

MERRIBEE	3	V	WESTGATE 0
KEON.PK	2	V	ELTHAM 1
B,MEADOWS	3	V	PRESTON B 4
SUNBURY	2	V	ROSANNA 0
YARRAVILLE	7	V	M.FIEL RAW 0
BYE		V	NTH.UTD

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Yarravi	12	12	0	0	77	4	24
Merribe	12	9	1	2	38	14	19
Preston	10	7	1	2	31	22	15
Koon.Pk	11	6	1	4	32	20	13
Nth.Utd	11	4	5	2	23	24	13
Sunbury	12	5	1	6	24	33	11
Rosanna	13	5	1	7	24	35	11
Eltham	13	3	2	8	21	38	8
Westgat	11	2	3	6	15	30	7
M.Fiel	11	2	1	8	8	34	5
B.Meado	12	0	2	10	7	46	2

RICOH S/LEAGUE

ST ALBANS	0	V	E,ALTONA 0
C.FIELD CT	0	V	B,U.JUVE 0
H/BERG UTD	3	V	G,GULLY 1
CLAYTON	2	V	S/VALE CTY 3
PRESTON A	2	V	MITCHAM 1
KARINGAL	0	V	F/STON UTD 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
S/vale	13	8	3	2	34	18	19
Preston	13	8	3	2	29	16	19
E,alton	13	8	2	3	33	13	18
H/berg	13	8	2	3	23	14	18
B.U.Juv	13	7	3	3	31	9	17
Mitchae	14	6	4	4	16	15	16
St Alba	14	5	3	6	19	27	13
F/ston	13	5	2	6	16	19	12
G,gully	14	3	4	7	20	29	10
C.Field	14	2	5	7	16	30	9
Karinga	13	1	4	8	13	31	6
Clayton	13	1	1	11	14	43	3

UNDER 14

EASTERN A

F/STON PIN	1	V	B,MARIS 1
SS/VALE	2	V	CLARINDA 2
SEAFORD		V	BYE
MAV UTD	0	V	D,LEIGH 4
BULLEEN	0	V	MITCHAM 6
MONA		V	BYE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Seaford	11	8	1	2	33	14	17
Mitchae	11	7	2	2	29	8	16
Clarind	12	5	6	1	34	16	16
D,leigh	10	7	1	2	38	12	15
F/ston	12	5	4	3	27	15	14
Se/vale	12	4	3	5	25	26	11
Mona	10	3	3	4	22	40	9
Bulleen	11	4	0	7	9	28	8
Nav Utd	11	2	0	9	10	40	4
B,earle	12	0	2	10	15	53	2

EASTERN B

MACDARI	0	V	WAV CTY 3
C.FIELD	9	V	F.T.G 0
S/VALE CTY	2	V	S/VALE UTD 2
OAK SUBS		V	BYE
PK,MORE	0	V	BOX HILL 0
BERWICK	0	V	G,WAV 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Nav Cty	13	9	3	1	61	6	21
Oak Sub	12	8	3	1	52	14	19
Pk,more	12	8	2	2	51	15	18
Berwick	13	9	2	3	26	22	18
C,Field	13	7	2	4	35	17	16
S/vale	12	4	4	4	32	25	12
S/vale	13	4	3	6	26	26	11
G,wav	9	0	0	9	0	1	1
Box Hil	11	2	3	6	17	45	7
F.T.G	13	1	1	11	15	62	3
Maccabi	12	0	0	12	2	82	0

EASTERN C

BAXTER	0	V	CHELSEA 9
BYE		V	CROYDON
L.WARRIN	2	V	SHER.RANG 0
OAKLEIGH S	0	V	CLAYTON 1
DONC.ROV	3	V	HASTINGS 0
D.NONG	0	V	F.STON UTD 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Donc.Ro	13	11	1	1	56	10	23
L.Warri	11	9	2	0	38	2	20
Croydon	10	7	2	1	58	19	16
Sher.Ra	13	5	4	4	37	22	14
Chelsea	12	6	2	4	32	25	14
Clayton	12	5	2	5	21	31	12
F.Ston	12	4	3	5	30	19	11
Hasting	13	3	3	7	11	39	9
Oakleig	12	2	1	9	16	50	5
D.Nong	12	2	0	10	18	55	4
Baxter	12	2	0	10	9	54	4

NTH/WEST A

MALVERN	3	V	G,GULLY 6
BYE		V	GEORGE I
ALTONA CITY	1	V	H,BERG UTD 0
BYE		V	M/CROATIA
BYE		V	N,COTE
CLIFTON	3	V	S/SHINE PK 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
George	8	6	2	0	17	6	14
Altona	11	6	1	4	15	11	13
Clifton	10	6	1	3	10	13	13
G,gully	9	6	0	3	30	17	12
M/croat	8	5	1	2	30	13	11
S/shine	9	3	1	5	15	19	7
N,cote	9	3	0	6	10	21	6
H,berg	8	2	0	6	6	21	4
Malvern	10	1	0	9	12	24	2

NTH/WEST A

BYE		V	LALOR
ESSENDON C	3	V	MARIBYRNON 1
BYE		V	WEST GATE
BYE		V	M,LAND MEA
T.TOWN	1	V	LALOR UTD 3
NTH RESERV	3	V	GEELONG 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
M.Land	9	7	2	0	28	7	16
Essendo	9	6	3	0	32	5	15
Nth Res	9	6	1	2	23	7	13
Lalor U	9	4	1	4	12	21	9
West Ga	8	3	2	3	11	10	8
Maribyr	8	3	0	5	19	25	6
Geelong	8	2	2	4	3	10	6
T.Town	10	1	1	8	5	22	3
Lalor	6	0	0	6	1	27	0

NTH/WEST C

BRUNS CITY		V	WILLIAMSTO
BYE		V	BYE
CORIO/S,LO	0	V	PORT MELB 0
BELL PARK	0	V	ROSANNA 1
MELTON	0	V	S.SHINE PK 2
BYE		V	ALBION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Port Me	11	8	3	0	46	8	19
Albion	9	7	1	1	42	8	15
Corio/g	11	6	2	3	31	25	14
Bruns C	7	6	1	0	45	2	13
William	9	5	0	4	35	23	10
S.Shine	11	3	2	6	13	33	8
Rosanna	11	4	0	7	6	30	8
Melton	11	1	2	8	6	51	4
Bell Pa	11	1	0	10	14	43	2

RICOH S/LEAGUE

KNOX	0	V	REGENT 2
F,HILL	3	V	JUVE 1
S,SHINE HT	0	V	N,GEEL 3
PRESTON	0	V	S/VALE CITY 1
E,BENT	2	V	LALOR UTD 7
FAWKNER	2	V	PEN 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
F,hill	14	12	1	1	42	10	25
Pen	13	10	1	2	30	7	21
S/vale	13	9	1	3	30	7	19
N,geel	14	8	2	4	27	16	18
Lalor U	13	8	0	5	37	15	16
Preston	13	6	2	5	19	14	14
Juve	12	5	3	4	24	9	13
Regent	13	4	3	6	11	19	11
S,shine	14	3	2	9	20	37	8
Fawkner	13	2	4	7	13	30	8
E,bent	13	1	1	11	10	69	3
Knox	13	1	0	12	9	39	2

UNDER 15

EASTERN A

MALVERN	2	V	BENT,GREEN 0
C,FIELD	0	V	CLARINDA 1
S/VALE CTY	3	V	LYNDALE A 1
MAV,UTD	1	V	S/VALE CTY 0
HAWTHORN	1	V	OAK A 2
BRIGHTON	8	V	M,BARK A 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
C,Field	14	11	2	1	30	8	24
S/vale	14	10	3	1	42	5	23
Clarind	13	9	2	2	31	8	20
Oak A	12	8	1	3	26	18	17
Malvern	13	6	3	4	20	16	15
S/vale	14	7	0	7	22	22	14
Brighto	14	5	3	6	31	22	13
Hawthor	14	3	5	6	20	22	11
Mav,utd	13	4	3	6	14	18	11
Bent,gr	14	2	1	11	10	42	5
Lyndale	13	2	1	10	14	48	5
M,bark	14	1	2	11	6	37	4

EASTERN B

DINGLEY	0	V	S,DANDY 1
OAK B	6	V	M,BARK B 1
L,WARN	1	V	E,RICH 3
HAMPTON	4	V	LYNDALE B 0
BYE		V	R,WOOD CTY
F,HILL	4	V	MONBULK 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
E,rich	12	10	0	2	43	12	20
Hampton	12	9	2	1	34	9	20
Oak B	12	8	3	1	42	10	19
L,warn	12	7	1	4	21	16	15
S,dandy	13	6	1	6	18	22	13
F,hill	13	6	0	7	29	30	12
R,wood	10	4	2	4	23	20	10
Lyndale	11	3	3	5	12	23	9
Monbulk	11	1	3	7	10	35	5
M,bark	12	1	2	9	7	37	4
Dingley	12	0	3	9	7	32	3

NTH/WEST A

CLIFTON		V	BYE
MEL CTY	1	V	M,MEADOWS 1
BYE		V	H,BERG UTD
BYE		V	ESS,DON
Y,VILL		V	BRUNS CTY
BYE		V	NTH UTD

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Nth Utd	8	5	3	0	24	5	13
H,berg	6	5	1	0	26	4	11
Y,vill	10	3	5	2	14	10	11
Mel Cty	9	3	3	3	11	13	9
Ess,don	8	2	3	3	13	12	7
Clifton	9	3	1	5	13	20	7
M,meado	7	1	1	5	5	18	3
Bruns C	6	0	0	6	2	37	0

NTH WEST B

MERRIBEE	3	V	ALT.EAST 0
BYE		V	NTH/GEEL
S.G.I.		V	BYE
LALOR	1	V	BUN.HOTS 1
LAL.UTD	1	V	N.COTE 0
BYE		V	ALT.GATE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Mth/gee	9	8	1	0	30	12	17
S.G.I.	10	7	0	3	31	10	14
N.Cote	10	6	0	4	25	19	12
Alt.Gat	10	5	1	4	26	23	11
Lal.Utd	9	5	1	3	15	12	11
Alt.Eas	9	4	1	4	18	12	9
Sun.Hgt	10	2	1	7	8	27	5
Merribe	9	2	0	7	17	29	4
Lalor	10	0	3	7	8	34	3

NTH/WEST C

BYE		V	E,GEEL
ASCOT. ST		V	BYE
B,MEADOWS		V	BYE
BUNDOORA		V	CROATIA B
BYE		V	SUNBURY
W,VALE		V	BYE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
E,geel	8	6	2	0	17	3	14
Bundoor	7	6	0	1	28	8	12
W,vale	6	3	1	2	11	9	7
B,meado	6	3	1	4	15	20	7
Ascot.	8	2	3	3	6	13	7
Sunbury	8	0	4	4	8	14	4
Croatia	6	0	2	4	6	10	2

RICOH S/LEAGUE

W.SUBS	2	V	DONC.ROV 0
SHT.SVALE	0	V	BU.JUVE 0
PRAHRAN	3	V	ST.ALB 0
PRESTON	1	V	MELB.CR A 1
T.TOWN	0	V	MITCHAM 0
BERWICK	1	V	FAWKNER 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Melb.Cr	13	11	1	1	46	6	23
Bu.Juve	13	8	4	1	30	10	20
W.Subs	12	8	2	2	26	5	18
Preston	13	6	5	2	29	21	17
Fawkner	12	7	2	3	25	19	16
Berwick	14	4	5	5	21	21	13
Sht.Sva	12	3	4	5	13	30	10
Mitchae	12	3	3	6	15	19	9
Prahran	14	3	3	8	17	27	9
Donc.Ro	12	3	1	8	13	29	7
St.Alb	14	3	1	10	15	46	7
T.Town	13	1	3	9	7	24	5

UNDER 16

EASTERN A

CONDORS	2	V	E,RICH 2
S/VALE UTD	3	V	MORDI 3
SEAFORD		V	BYE
DANDY	2	V	MEL.CTY 3
SS/VALE	2	V	MITCHAM 1
BYE		V	F,STON UTD

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
F,ston	10	8	1	1	41	10	17
E,rich	12	7	2	3	30	23	16
Condors	11	6	3	2	27	21	15
Mel.cty	12	6	3	3	29	16	15
Mordi	11	6	3	2	20	16	15
Ss/vale	11	4	3	4	17	23	11
S/vale	12	4	1	7	35	33	9
Dandy	11	2	2	7	16	38	6
Seaford	11	2	2	7	12	42	6
Mitchae	11	0	2	9	11	26	2

EASTERN B

BYE		V	F.T.G
ELWOOD	6	V	K,BORO 0
C/BOURNE	12	V	CHELSEA 6
SW SUBS	6	V	KARINGAL 0
DONC	3	V	HASTINGS 6
K,BARK	2	V	F/STON UTD 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Sw Sub	12	9	2	1	39	12	20
Elwood	9	8	1	0	50	6	17
F.T.G	11	7	2	2	35	15	16
F/ston	13	7	2	4	36	20	16
Donc	10	6	2	2	22	16	14
K,boro	13	6	1	6	34	25	13
Chelsea	13	5	2	6	28	42	12
M,bark	11	1	5	5	16	32	7
C/bourn	12	2	2	8	32	37	6
Karinga	11	1	2	8	14	35	4
Hasting	13	1	1	11	11	87	3

NTH/WEST A

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HOW YOUR TEAM FARED

State League

ALTONA GATE 0 CAULFIELD CITY 0

Blame it on the high wind if you like, but this game was a disappointment in that it never lived up to expectations.

Two of the top goalscorers in the State League took part in the game, but sad to say, I can't remember either one having a direct shot on goal.

In fact, apart from a flurry early in the piece, when the ball bounced tantalisingly twice on the Caulfield crossbar before being scrambled away, neither goal ever seemed in danger.

The Caulfield defence, well marshalled by man of the match Caesar Fattore was too solid for Gary McMullen and Goran Georgevski to penetrate and at the other end Con Pappas obviously missed his running mate Nick Deligiannis, who looked on glumly, waving his crutches from time to time.

— *L.S.*

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SPRINGVALE CITY 1 ST ALBANS 0

One Monday morning newspaper described this as a shock result, which I suppose would be a fair description if you hadn't been watching Springvale's resurgance of late.

St Albans have only themselves to blame for the defeat however.

Branko Culina has been telling me all season how little depth he has at his disposal and it showed on Sunday.

Even so, Saints bombed enough chances in the first half to have gone in about three goals in front at the interval.

Whenever they got into a scoring position they either fired wildly over the bar or popped the ball into the very safe hands of Robert Brian in the Springvale goal.

The turning point came when Branko Culina took himself off.

There is a faction at St Albans that wants Culina to coach solely and not play, but Sunday demonstrated how much the midfield needs him.

He went off with half an hour to go and the Saints just collapsed.

When the goal came it was no surprise, the Saints goal was under siege and young Mario Vunderl had been forced to make two very good saves a point-blank range before Richie Armstrong seized on a rebound and drove it home through a crowded goalmouth.

— *L.S.*

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MORWELL FALCONS 2 BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 2

A draw was probably the fairest result after one of the best games seen at Morwell for many a year when the visitors went in at the half-time break a goal down but threw everything there was to throw in the second half and managed the equaliser.

The big crowd was very vocal and supporters joined each other in loudly cheering on their team.

Falcons showed some early pressure and had the visitors backpedalling for the first 15 minutes or so but Juventus eventually got into its stride and started to come back.

However, at the 28th minute Jeff Doyle sent in a long cross that went over the heads of the pack of players waiting in the area to flick the ball towards Billy Wright who reacted brilliantly and nodded the ball into the top corner even though Pat Marrama managed to get his hands to it.

The terrace came alive and the noise was deafening but Juventus kept plodding away attempting to regain the upper hand.

Darko Basaro collected a nice ball from Jim McBride and was heading forward but was heavily grounded by Paul Della Rocca who was handed the yellow card from referee Jim Fearn.

The referee was again dipping into his pocket just bfore half time when Willy Herd had the yellow flashed for a clash with McBride.

After the break, Juventus was a different side and attacked the ball with vigor.

O'Donnell had been replaced at the break by Jimmy Nelson and Juventus had replaced Dave Klepac with Frank McGrellis. The tackles were very hard and after 10 minutes McBride ran over the top of Vladko Belic and suffered the yellow card treatment also.

Despite all this the game was proceeding at full pace and the crowd was loving it. Billy Wright was on the run for goal and was well tackled by Della Rocca, the free kick was cleared long and Juventus was on a break. Sean Lane hammered the ball that was blocked by Nelson but rebounded to Lane who by this time was on the edge of the 18 yard box and slammed the ball forward.

Jeff Doyle made a valiant attempt to get between the ball and the goal but was unable to do so and the deflection went past Dave Reynolds to bring up the equaliser.

In the last 15 minutes, Scott Patterson came on replacing DeAmicis. Jeff Doyle copped a yellow card for bringing down McGrellis and the pressure changed with Falcons creating a late challenge. Ron Manley was playing well up front and was mainly responsible for forcing Juventus into giving away several corners in the dying minutes. Morwell Falcons are now clear in second spot on the ladder just two points behind Juventus and, after Croydon's defeat by Ringwood City, are one point ahead of Croydon.

— *E.H.*

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RINGWOOD CITY 2 CROYDON CITY 1

When Croydon City was awarded a penalty in the 31st minute of the first half for a deliberate foul on Andy Humble, the result of this game looked to swing for Croydon.

But when Nick van Egmond was far too casual and Colin Blackley made a fine safe Ringwood City took the game right up to Croydon, never gave it another chance and, in the end, deserved the two points for courage and determination.

But before it was that far Blackley had to make two more spectacular saves to keep Croydon at bay.

Right from the start Ringwood let a good crowd and Croydon know that it would not give in to number two on the ladder without a real fight.

Both sides looked for a weak link in either defence, but keeping tight at the back. The first real break came in the 31st minute when Humble only could be stopped with a foul tackle. But when Croydon missed that opportunity Ringwood never allowed it another chance.

When in the second half, Ringwood involved its young wingers more and more in attacks, Croydon came under more pressure. In the 20th minute of the second half Marcel de Ridder very cleverly tok the ball to the goal line and his immaculate pass was met by John Corvan for Ringwood's first goal.

Croydon had to come now to find an equalizer and succeeded nine minutes later when Nick van Egmond found Darren Scott free in front of Colin Blackley and Scott did not miss.

But it was Ringwood that came through victorious when John Wall was floored in the box and Marcel de Ridder showed how a penalty should be taken, Runje never saw the ball.

Fighting for another equalizer Ringwood never panicked but it was Blackley who stole the limelight in the dying minutes denying Croydon even one point.

Well done Ringwood!

— *H.L.*

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THOMASTOWN 3 FRANKSTON PINES 3

In very wet and wintery conditions and on a very muddy pitch Sinclair for Thomastown was injured in the first few minutes and was replaced.

Thomastown took the lead when a free kick was well taken from outside the 18 yard box of which Davies was only able to parry to the feet of Dougherty, who struck the ball into the Pines net.

Pines counter attacked and Stirton stretched the defence when he ran down the left, crossing the ball to the penalty spot for Ally Dick to stride into the left hand corner of the net.

The pace on this pitch was quite fast and Pines took the lead when a free kick by Jim Ross at the 32nd minute deflected off the wall into the Thomastown net.

Pines' teamwork was at full strength when at the 45th minute, a cross from Craig Miller was flicked on by Dick to Stephen Keenen who netted to give Pines a half time lead of 3-1.

It was lacklustre second half with very few chances being created and keeper Davies handling what threats came his way, until the 79th minute when a short corner was taken by Thomastown and a cross to the head of Cristallo who headed into the Pines' goal.

This goal seemed to stir Thomastown which applied continual pressure to the Pines' defence. Ross was replaced by Hodgson, and Pines were now looking for the final whistle.

It wasn't until the 81st minute when a long ball forward caught Ian Weir napping,a llowing Carfora to slip in behind and, from a very acute angle slot the ball into the near-side of the Pines goal giving a final scoreline of 3-3.

Reserves result, Thomastown 1, Pines 0.

— *D.J.*

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Geelong Soccer

GEELONG teams lead Division Two and Three of the Victorian Leagues after last weekend's round of matches.

North Geelong beat Keilor by the only goal of the game to go to the top of Division Two.

North had its hands full with the ball-playing Keilor side but central defender Ivan Smoljko found time to come up from the back to get the goal. Shortly afterwards his excellent contribution came to an end when he dislocated his shoulder, but his replacement, Jack Caran, slotted in well. Paul Masterton and Robert Cosic were North's other stars.

Geelong drew two-all away to Sunbury United in the same league. Darren Tuck headed home Peter McCaffrey's centre for Geelong and seventeen year old Charles Fitzpatrick showed some neat touches on his debut.

Sunbury fought back and took the lead, but with a couple of minutes to play, David Fleming was brought down in the box and Donny Smyth scored with the penalty.

In Division Three, Bell Park retains its five-point lead as its nearest rivals failed to take advantage of its second defeat in a row. Park gave Hawthorn a two-goal start and though Park equalised before half-time, Hawthorn got the winner late in the second period.

Steve Scerri's miskick allowed Hawthorn to work the ball out to the left to Peter Pandelopoulos, who had time to place his shot into the far corner after nine minutes. Four minutes later, keeper Gary Walker was adjudged to have fouled a Hawthorn attacker and George Stamatelos made no mistake from the spot.

A george Watters' free kick was fired goalwards by Steve Scerri and when it was blocked John Coutts seized on the rebound at the near post to score. Just before the break, Tommy Cumming crossed from the right and though Greg Czapnik couldnot connect Mark Linney seized the loose ball and fired it home through a ruck of defenders.

The second half saw Park on the attack most of the time, with Hawthorn soaking up the pressure and breaking quickly through Pandelopoulos and Tim Tangalos. It was these two who combined in the eighty-second minute to spring a square defence and Tangalos got the final touch for the winner.

Corio-Geelong United drew 2-2 at home to Eltham/Diamond Valley. Stan Demo opened for Corio-Geelong United following a scramble on the goal line, but the visitors then equalised and went ahead, before Brendan Lakic conjured some space out of nothing in the area to equalise with a couple of minutes left to play.

Hamlyn Rangers lost its home game to Boroma in Division Four by the only goal of the match. It was a very competitive encounter, with Rangers

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having enough opportunities to win, but failing to convert.

In the Provisional Leagues, East Geelong plunged deeper into trouble when it lost 0-3 at West Meadows, while nearest rival Waverley United defeated Westvale. The closest East came to scoring was a header by seventeen-year-old Robbie Dimovski which came back off the bar.

Brintons beat the University of Melbourne by 2-1.

David Brough put Brintons ahead, bundling the ball over the line from very close range. Brintons second came from a corner kick which just clipped Paul Mills haed and fellfor Ashley McIntyre to volley home for a goal of real class. Melbourne fought back and gave Brintons a fright before the end.

by ROY HAY

Victorian First Division

MOOROOLBARK 3 SANDRINGHAM 0

Mooroolbark downed Sandringham City to retain leadership of the First Division in one of the best games seen at Esther Park for a long time.

The Barkers opened briskly, and nearly went ahead in the seventh minute after clever interpassing between Greg House, Grahame French and John Nyholt.

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Industrial League Contd. from page 6

In Division Two Afternoon, Bayside ATA held on to its leadership with a convincing 5-1 win over Northern Timorese.

Flemington Floridia kept its grip on second place despite a strangely lethargic performance against Wooden Spooners Oakleigh City Boys.

Floridia was quickly into the lead through Sam D'Agostino, and went further ahead through Frank and Joe Pizzo at the 31st and 43rd minutes. The half-time margin might have been greater but for a brilliant display by the Bays' young goalkeeper Alex Eleftheriou.

Some of his saves, particularly from point-blank range, were almost miraculous. In the second half, the Floridia players seemed to be just going through the motions, allowing the Bays to take the initiative.

Goals at the 56th minute (Voutsoulis) and 85th minute (Zafiropoulos) brought the game back to life, with the Bays' equaliser seeming almost inevitable. But a quick breakaway by Joe Pizzo at the 87th minute put the issue behond doubt.

But the big news in Division 2A belongs to the reserves. If the relentless, ruthless, roll-all-over-'em Elwood United, fresh from 12 straight wins and 110 goals to 13, thought they were going to pluck the pathetic little Sparrows they had another thing coming. David almost downed Goliath! Certainly Goliath was stopped in his tracks.

Still, Elwood had its chances in the first half, but was thwarted by the Sparrows' superteen Patrick Tomson, who had a brilliant day in goal.

When Buljevic scored early in the second half, everyone said "Ho-hum, now the avalanche begins". Not so. Five minutes later Patrick Tour was put through with a delicately controlled pass from Joe Valadon, and gleefully knocked in the equaliser.

Has rust got into the Mean Machine? Has it thrown a cog? Watch these pages?

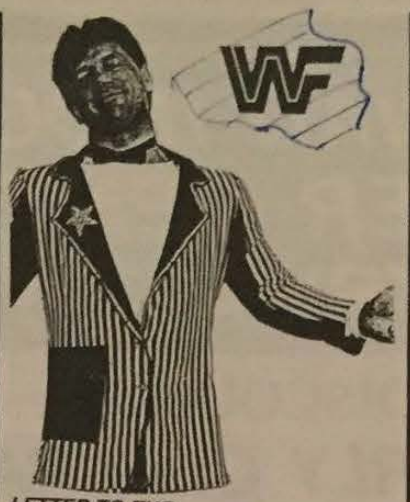
The struggle for dominance of Three West produced very little change. Front runners, Altona North Tarxien, dropped a home point to St Albans Dynamo. This game lasted nine minutes, with Ivan Grgas knocking in one of his routine 25-metre crossbar-scraping cannonballs at the 7th minute.

The other 81 minutes were spent in a hard-slogging mid-field contest in which honours remained even. Ardeer nudged St Albans Dynamo out of second spot when it beat Kings Park Heights 5-2.

For Ardeer, Peter Wisniewski opened the scoring at the 4th minute, with Roger Langdale knocking in a penalty at the 27th minute and Wally Spiteri putting Ardeer 3-0 up at the 38th. Seven minutes into the second half Spiteri scored again and completed his hat-trick at the 87th.

Meanwhile, Mile Nedelkovski at the 62nd and Rade Trajovski at the 69th had restored some respectability to the Kings Park Heights score-line.

Misfortune of the day was the lot of Three East's Essendon Tramways, who fell foul of the Tax Department. We are not sure whether it was a Capital Gains Tax breach or a Bottom of the Harbour deal which led to the massive 11-0 penalty being applied. The one thing we are sure of is that it was not Entertainment Tax, as the Trammies got no joy from the game whatsoever.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Les,

As a member of Melbourne's Blacktown City Gate 12 Supporters Club I would like to clarify a few points mentioned in a letter published by your newspaper last week.

Firstly, Blacktown City's successful battle to avoid relegation has not aroused the sympathy of a group of supporters, namely the Hellas Hooligans. In Melbourne, Blacktown City is supported by the Melbourne, Blacktown City is supported by the Melbourne Croatian Headhunters and the South Melbourne Hellas Gate 6 (and group of 20 or so thrash metal fans).

I would like to poin tout that the Hellas Hooligans are in no way associated with Blacktown City. The Hellas Hooligans are a group of juvenile disco delinquents who think that mindless violence is a prerequisite for showing their heroism.

Secondly, we are not a "cheer squad" as mentioned in last week's article. We are vociferous, fanatical hardcore soccer fans that follow our clubs (Melbourne Croatia, South Melbourne Hellas and Blacktown City) all over Australia.

We are not into discos, hairsprays or Cuggi clothes like many trendy soccer fans such as those young Hellas Hooligans and their Heidelberg counterparts.

For those Melbourne supporters of Blacktown City who wish to write to the club and find out more, please writ to Ron Bowman (President) or Peter Thorne (Secretary), at PO Box 98, Seven Hills, NSW 2147 or ring the club on (02) 624 3344.

HAT-TRICK DIPLOMAS

The following boys have won Hat-Trick Diplomas:

FOREST HILL SC
U/12 Adam Di Manno 3 goals v Mooroolbark
U/12 Adam Di Manno 3 goals v Monbulk
U/12 Michael Brmalj 5 goals v Clarinda
U/15 Peter Theodoropoulos 3 goals v Monbulk
U/14 Larry Kanurski 3 goals v Sunshine Heights.
ELWOOD UNITED SC
U/12 Andy Vargas 3 goals v Chelsea
EAST RICHMOND SC
U/13 Saky Kyriakoulis 3 goals v Langwarrin
MITCHAM UNITED SC
U/12 "A" Martin O'Hare 4 goals v Monbulk
U/12 "A" Andrej Priekopa 3 goals v Mooroolbark
U/12 "A" Tristan Iseli 3 goals v Mooroolbark
OAKLEIGH SC
U/14 Jim Panopoulos 4 goals v Beaumaris
LALOR UNITED SC
U/12 James Zaekis 3 goals v North Reservoir
BRUNSWICK CITY SC
U/14 John Verikakis 3 goals v Port Melbourne
U/15 John Verikakis 5 goals v Williamstown
U/14 John Verikakis 4 goals v Sunshine Park
U/14 John Verikakis 4 goals v Melton
HEIDELBERG UNITED SC
U/15 Tom Karapatsos 3 goals v Heidelberg United
U/15 Andrew Kikidopoulos 3 goals v Heidelberg United
GLEN WAVERLEY JUNIOR SC
U/11 Stefan Rudzki 4 goals v Knox City
U/11 Adrian Curran 3 goals v Knox City
U/11 Stefan Rudzki 3 goals v Oakleigh
U/11 Stefan Rudzki 5 goals v Sherbrook
U/11 Stefan Rudzki 6 goals v Brighton

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Both Juventus and Croydon, Falcons' main obstacles on the road to the championship have a game in hand and Croydon has the better goal difference.

A missed penalty early in the game at Ringwood proved costly for Croydon as the home team weathered early pressure to run out a worthy winner.

It was a similar story at Springvale, with St Albans squandering chance afterchance squandering chance after chance and dogged Springvale finishing all over the top of the Saints for a deserved win, astonishingly its first at home this season.

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forward all season to playing in the traditional curtain-raiser to the Grand Final.

As South Melbourne youth coach Mike Lynn pointed out to me this week, that won't be the case this year because the Southern NYL final is scheduled for this Sunday at Chaplin Reserve at the same time as the Grand Final kicks off at the Parramatta Stadium in Sydney.

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St Albans 1989

● *Back row: Paul Babic, Velimir Kupresak, Paul Simovic, Zeljko Gagula, Mick Colina, Jure Eres, Drazen Bozic.*
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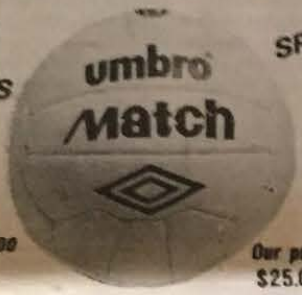

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Saturday
CAULFIELD CITY V FAWKNER.....
NORTHCOTE CITY V SPRINGVALE C.....

Sunday
THOMASTOWN V GREEN GULLY.....
CROYDON CITY V ALTONA GATE.....
BOX HILL V MARIBYRNONG.....
BULLEEN V MORWELL FALCONS.....
FRANKSTON PINES V ST ALBANS.....
RINGWOOD CITY V JUVENTUS.....

VICTORIAN LEAGUE RD 20
Division One — Saturday
KNOX CITY V WERRIBEE.....
DANDENONG V DOVETON.....
ESSENDON CITY V MOOROOLBARK.....
SANDRINGHAM CITY V WESTERN SUB....
WESTGATE V OAKLEIGH.....

SUNDAY
ALBION V BROADMEADOWS CITY.....
NUNAWADING CITY V MORDIALLOC.....
Division Two — Saturday
PORT MELB. V DONCASTER ROVERS.....
CLIFTON HILL V COBURG.....
BRIGHTON V SUNBURY UN.....
GEELONG V NORTH GEELONG.....
KEILOR V RICHMOND.....
RINGWOOD UN V HEIDELBERG C.....
WAVERLEY CITY V YARRAVILLE.....

Division Three — Saturday
MOORABBIN CITY V CLARINDA.....
YALLOURN V HAWTHORN.....
BELL PARK V LALOR UNITED.....
CHELSEA V SEAFORD UNITED.....
HOLLAND PARK V CORIO/GEEL UN.....
ELTHAM/DIAMOND V V ALTONA CITY.....
SPRINGVALE UN V MORNINGTON.....

DIVISION 4 — Saturday
LANGWARRIN V PASCOE VALE.....
E. BRUNS/IVANHOE V ROSANNA.....
BENTLEIGH GREENS V HAMLYN R.....
BORONIA V FERNTREE GULLY.....
KEYSBOROUGH V CLAYTON.....
WILLIAMSTOWN V MOREL PARK R.....
REGENT V KARINGAL UN.....

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE
Division One — Saturday
WEST MEADOWS V SOUTH YARRA.....
OAKLEIGH SUBURBS V MELTON.....
SPRINGVALE COND. V MOSSFIEL R.....
MALVERN CITY V PRAHRAN.....
NORTH SUNSHINE V BERWICK CITY.....
BRUNSWICK CITY V WAVERLEY UN.....
EAST GEELONG V WEST VALE.....

Division Two — Saturday
ALTONA EAST V BALLARAT.....
SOUTH DANDENONG V BALLARAT.....
MONASH UNIV V LALOR.....
CRANBOURNE V FRANKSTON UN.....
GLENROY V UNI OF MELB.....
BRINTONS V SOUTH SPRINGV.....
FOREST HILL V PORT UNITED.....

Division Three — Saturday
MEADOW PARK V BATMAN UN.....
KEW EAGLES V BRANDON PARK.....
MONBULK V NORTH CLAYTON.....
RINGWOOD ROVERS V MITCHAM UN.....
CARRUM UN V WANTIRNA.....
LYNDALE UN V FITZROY CITY.....
RIVERSDALE V ALTONA UNITED.....

AMATEUR LEAGUE
Division One — Sunday
OAKLEIGH UN V COLLINGWOOD C.....
LATROBE UNIV V HAWTHORN UTD.....
EAST RICHMOND V PHILLIP INST.....
BALWYN CITY V WAVERLEY WANDERERS...
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Division Two — Sunday
MACCABI V FURLAN UNITED.....
CONCORDE V RMIT.....
YARRA UNITED V CAMBERWELL GRAMMAR.....
OLD SCOTCH V DIAMOND VALLEY.....
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How your team fared contd. from page 13

The same trio combined brilliantly again only ten minutes later, however with Nyholt applying the finishing touch to give the Barkers a 1-0 half-time lead.

The Barkers took an iron grip on Sandringham's midfield early in the second half and completely snuffed out Sandy's experience forwards, Noel Mitten and Carl Gilder.

John Nyholt, having a great game, put Mooroolbark further ahead direct from a corner and then rattled the Sandy crossbar with a powerful shot from well outside the penalty area.

Sandringham suffered a further blow when right back Steve Kenny was sent off after a late tackle on Barry Burton.

The route was complete when Grahame French and John Nyholt combined well for Steve Reid to score the third goal.

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Victorian League Division 3

CORIO-GEELONG 2 (Reardon 8th, Lakic 85m

ELTHAM-DIAMOND VALLEY UTD 2 (Tucker 70th, Giacomi 81st).

Slack defence cost Valley a point in a game it looked to have sewn up after it had taken a one-goal lead with 9 minutes left to play.

Valley opened with a rush and had the home team pinned in its half. Three corners in the opening 5 minutes were wasted by Valley, then, in their first attack Corio-Geelong were awarded a free kick on the edge of the box.

With the Valley defence in dreamland Munoz took a short kick to the near post, the ball was kicked across goal for reardon to score. Valley fought back with Coyle and Jankulovski working like Trojans and Johansson and Cirka had plenty of chances to show their worth.

However in spite of their territorial superiorty and having no less than 16 corner kicks, Valley was unable to level the score.

The usually reliable Jankulovski missed a penalty 5 minutes from the break to add to Valley's frustration.

Valley kept up the pressure and peppered the home goal, but it was 25 minutes before it equalised through Micky Tucker who came on for Milenkovic minutes earlier.

The second goal came 9 minutes from time when Cicero failed to hold a Johansson header and Giacomi netted from close range.

The game looked all over, but Corio raised one final effort and after forcing two corners, had the Valley defence in a real dither and Lakic was unchallenged to score from 10 metres.

It was a disappointing result for Valley as it looked to have both points well in its keeping, but Corio must be given full marks for their refusal to give up.

— Gordon Kirkwood

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STATE LEAGUE

FAWKNER 1
NORTHCOTE CITY 2

The match was played on a very heavy ground and both teams found it difficult playing fast attacking soccer Northcote began in the best possible manner, scoring what must surely be one of the quickest goals seen this year with Peter Cocker latching on to a cross by Jim Constantinou after only 40 seconds of play to head the visitors in front.

Fawkner was to remain shell shocked from this lightning start for most of the first half, and was only able to somewhat recover during the second half of play, mainly through the inclusion of Marchett who stirred the midfield into action.

Sunday's match once again underlined the difficulties the home team has had this season in being able to properly feed its strikers, with the hapless Dave Hanna and Sebastian Emmanuelle being left chasing hopeless balls which were easily cleared by Paul Harris and Co.

Northcote on the other hand showed more composure in their build ups, with Martin Woodall working hard in midfield and Jim Constaninou scouting the flanks looking for the tall figure of Cocker up in front.

It's not often that we see the young and very promising Robbie Ferla being beaten by an opponent but Cocker today impressed us with the power of his forward play.

After the first goal Northcote played with confidence and purpose but very few noteworthy incidents from either team were noticeable during the first 45'.

We should however mention what seemed like a clear-cut penalty claim by Fawkner for a foul on George Campbell was refused by Mr Isabel in the 18th minute and attempts by Woodall and Constantinou respectively in the 27th and 32nd minutes which created some danger for the home defence.

After the break Fawkner seemed more determined to make amends for the disappointing show offered to its numerous crowd present and Hanna beat two men soon after the initial whistle but his cross was wide.

Northcote replied through Constantinou and Woodall, but their respective shots flew over the bar Tony Marchett made his presence felt with a nice individual effort at the 62nd minute and again a few minutes later, when served by Hanna he narrowly missed the post.

At the 70th minute the equaliser for the home team a cross from Ferla on the left, Campbell controlled short for the top corner giving Turudia no chance.

The game became very exciting with both teams pushing forward in search of the winner.

Hanna shot too high at the 72nd minute but Cocker replied by almost taking advantage of some room given him inside the box, but fortunately for Fawkner the shot was wide.

The see-saw continued until the very end and just as spectators started to make their way towards some hot drinks, Constantinou crossed from the left inviting the unmarked Pedro Ramos to head the second goal.

It was the 88th minute 1-2, and the end of the match.

For Northcote it signified two valuable points, whilst for Fawkner, given the other results from this round the result could signal more dangerous times ahead, although it must be said that the attitude displayed in the second half augurs hope for the rest of this season.

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Provisional League DIVISION TWO

BALLARAT 1
SOUTH DANDENONG 2

Players from both sides did themselves proud by mastering a stamina-sapping playing surface to serve up a hard fought and entertaining game.

In this strong and in the main, even competition South Dandenong, for the third consecutive week, scraped home by the odd goal.

There were many close calls at both ends but for Ballarat, Flanagan, Gunn and Nikolouski can consider themselves unlucky to have caught South goalkeeper *Memishi, in top* form.

The late arrival of two South players caused concern in the visitors' camp and their early substitution was a calculated gamble.

Dandenong opened the scoring after eleven minutes, Yildirim converting from Sepetci's cross.

A sustained session of pressure by Ballarat led to their equaliser four minutes later. There were several stabs at goal — Memishi saving one at point blank range — before Ibrihan settled this issue from close in.

Ballarat had the edge of the first half play and but for some top goalkeeping by Memishi would have crossed over with goals to the good. South's Sepetci was proving a bit of a handful for the home defence and although he struck the crossbar on one occasion his tendency to try too much on his own let down his teammates.

Following a frustrating afternoon for the Ballarat strikers when they could and should have tipped the game in their favour, South snatched the winner six minutes from time. Some neat play between Sepetci and Gonullu culminated in the latter's cross being firmly struck home by Yildirim.

A final word for a first class job by referee, Mr McCabe, assisted by a scrupulously efficient home linesman.

R.J. Hitchman

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HAMPTON PARK UNITED
INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE DIV. 1A LEADER

● *STANDING LEFT TO RIGHT: John Wall (Reserves Coach), Allan Fisher (Team Manager), Jason Fisher (Asst. Manager), Mick Reiss, Andrew Klaister, Rudi Morales, Lex Deeley, Paul Foster, Wayne Brown, Steve Talbot, Robbie Black, Albert Calleja, Mark Fisher, Paul Morrison, Steve Murphy (Captain).*

● *SITTING: Mark Mosley, Paul Tongue, Jim Wilson, Graham McColl, David McMartin, Ian McColl, Andy Fox, John Cullen (Player-coach), Andy McMartin, Eddie Corrigan, Dean Fisher, Steve Tanner*

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